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INCOME TAX, TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A SPECIAL WAR BUDGET, IS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG.

DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED, BUT IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON, HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR INDICATED THAT THE TAX WILL BE ON THE BASIS OF TWO SHILLINGS IN THE POUND, OR TEN PER CENT.

In the course of his address to Council, Sir Geoffrey Northcote revealed why no hint of the proposals was to be found in the Budget Estimates.

The Council was this afternoon presented with two Budgets, the Ordinary Budget, for the ordinary requirements of the Colony, and a Defence Budget, the proceeds of which will be devoted to a special Hong Kong contribution to the prosecution of the war against Hitlerism.

His Excellency the Governor said:—It had been my intention to present a short address to you on this occasion more or less on the lines of that which last year endeavoured to review the salient facts of the preceding twelve months and the more important schemes under Government's consideration. I regret very much that the rush of work caused by Herr Hitler's intromissions has prevented that intention from being fulfilled, and all the more because there has been good progress in many administrative activities and social services which is deserving of record.

I propose, accordingly, to confine my remarks on this occasion to the

financial policy and intentions of the Government and I conceive that these will be more rightly appreciated if I first invite attention to the declared policy of His Majesty's Government in this regard.

If one were to compare the manner in which this war is being faced by the Government of Great Britain with that of 1914 a fundamental difference would at once be observed. Then armies, administrative departments and war organizations and requirements of all kinds had to be hastily improvised and the national finances were left to be carried on along normal peace lines; to-day the situation at home presents entirely the contrary picture.

The likelihood of the outbreak of a major war between Great Britain and Germany had long been foreseen, plans had been laid to meet the emergency and the appropriate economic policy had been thought out and made ready.

It will be generally agreed, I think, that the outstanding feature of the economic plans of His Majesty's Government, as disclosed in the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on September 27th when he introduced his first war emergency budget, was his insistence upon the importance of paying for the war from revenue as far as that was possible. The inevitability of having also to raise war-loans was clearly recognized but the immediate step taken was the imposition of heavy additional taxation: at the same time he urged most strongly that it was the duty of the private citizen and of the public institution to avoid all unnecessary expenditure in order that savings might accrue for subsequent investment in war loans. It is an inspiring fact that the British taxpayer has readily, not to say cheerfully, accepted the unprecedented burdens laid upon him.

So much for the way in which the taxpayer at home is facing his duty: what of the duty which lies before us in this small unit of the British Em-

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BRITAIN'S HUGE PLANE OUTPUT

London, To-day.
British air production before the start of the present war was well over 1,000 planes a month.

This revelation is made, "on the highest authority," by the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," Group-Captain Payne.

He says that the Air Ministry announcement that production is already more than double that at the beginning of September, means that our output has been raised to 4,000 planes a month.

This together with the greatly increased French production, assures the increasing ascendancy in the air of the Allies.—Reuter.

NOW IN DANGER ZONE

Oslo, To-day.

The newspaper "Aften-posten" says that the new military situation created by the Soviet advance in the Baltic is of great importance to Norway's air strategic position.

"Norway, together with Sweden," says the journal, "have now arrived in the danger zone."—Reuter.

HOMEWARD BOUND

London, To-day.

A total of 450 Americans, who had been stranded by the war in Eire, sailed on board the American steamer Arcadia for the United States yesterday.

This was the second batch of Americans whose transport home has been arranged by the United States Government.

Last week the Iroquois took about 600 Americans back home.—Reuter.

H.K. C.I.D. DISCOVERY AT BANK

IT IS REPORTED THAT, WORKING DILIGENTLY FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS, THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG POLICE HAVE LOCATED THE LARGE SUM OF MONEY WHICH WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE VAULTS OF THE BANK OF CHINA AT THE END OF LAST MONTH.

The "China Mail" understands that the missing sum, \$100,000 in Hong Kong currency, has been traced to a private safe deposit box in one of the foreign banks in the Colony.

Questioned this morning by the "China Mail," Mr. Shou J. Chen, manager of the Bank, declined to confirm or deny the report, saying that "the matter is still in the hands of the Police."

The Police authorities said that they had nothing for publication, but did not deny the report.

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POLISH MINISTER CONFERS WITH MR. CHAMBERLAIN

London, To-day.

THE NEW POLISH Foreign Minister, who arrived in London from Paris yesterday morning, had a long talk with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon. Later he conferred with Mr. Neville Chamberlain at 10, Downing Street, and at night was the guest at a banquet given by the Polish Ambassador. Another guest was Sir Howard Kennard, who is to take up his duties as Ambassador to Poland in a few days, at the seat of Polish Government in Paris.

In Paris, the Polish Cabinet met, before the Foreign Minister left for London, under General Sikorski. The Foreign Minister delivered a report.

Measures were taken in connexion with the Polish merchant fleet, most of which was saved, and all civil rights were restored to 10 Polish members of parliament, who had been exiled several years ago.

The Polish Foreign Minister, broadcasting from London, said that in their great hour of trial their spirit was unconquerable and they were determined to carry on.

SHALL NOT HALT

"Our alliance with the tremendous military efforts of the Western Powers would guarantee the victory.

"What I have heard from the highest British and French statesmen has made me realise that we shall not halt until complete and final victory has been won.

"We are fighting not only for our own freedom but for the freedom of nations and a better Europe.

"We shall put an end to all efforts to dominate by brute force."—Reuter.

FLEW FROM PARIS

M. Zaleski reached London by air from Paris. Among those who met him at the aerodrome were the Polish Ambassador, Count Raczynski, and Mr. Oliver Harvey, representing Lord Halifax.

At the dinner for M. Zaleski, those present included Lord Halifax, Sir

POLAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A FEW HOURS AFTER THE ARRIVAL IN LONDON OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE NEW POLISH GOVERNMENT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT SIR HOWARD KENNARD WOULD LEAVE FOR PARIS IN A FEW DAYS TO RESUME HIS DUTIES AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO POLAND.

"The Times" declared that the Polish Foreign Minister was particularly welcome for many reasons.

He represents an indestructible race, whose country has been barbarously devastated, not for the first time in its history, but which unhesitatingly chooses a new government in place of the old.

"The Times" refers to the new Foreign Minister's work at Geneva and to his conciliatory and constructive temperament.—Reuter.

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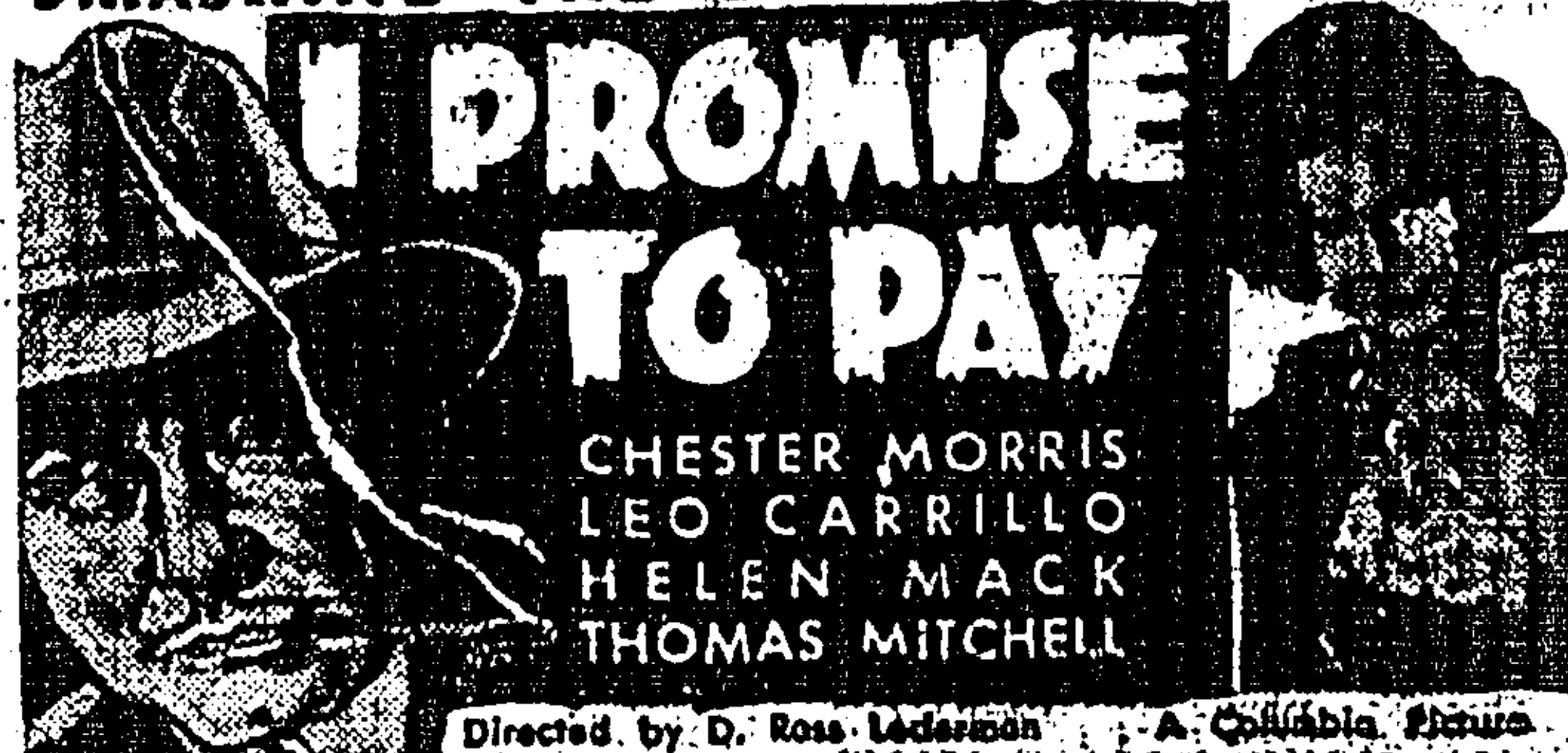
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FALSITY CAUSES BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT

Rotterdam, To-day.
THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT of the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" gives further details of the reaction by the peace rumour in Germany. The rumour, he says, led to an extraordinary outburst of rejoicing, and was believed even by the more cautious people. Even the official denial was not credited at first, and it was thought that the news of peace was to be issued later.

Bitter disappointment was the reaction when it was at last discovered to be false.

"Such a demonstration," the correspondent comments, "points to the urgent wish of the German people for peace."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Amsterdam Telegraaf" says there has been general pessimism in the Nazi capital since Hitler's second speech.

This is noticeable both in political circles and among the general population.

LITTLE HOPE.

Foreign reaction was such that there was little hope in Berlin. Britain and France were willing for peace but only on such terms as Berlin could not approve. — Reuter.

TYPHOON FILLS UP

The Royal Observatory reports that the typhoon has filled up, although a shallow area of low pressure remains over the southern part of the Formosan Channel.

The depression to the north of Yap is moving N. W.

Under the influence of the typhoon, the temperature soared to 89 degrees in the shade yesterday, while dropping to 76 degrees during the night. At 10 a.m. to-day the thermometer registered 84 degrees, with humidity as low as 56 per cent.

LORRY SPEEDSTER

WONG KWOK-CHOI, 27, LORRY DRIVER, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. R. EDWARDS THIS MORNING, WITH DANGEROUS DRIVING.

Inspector S. C. Saunders said defendant on Tuesday travelled from Aberdeen to Hong Kong at a speed of about 30 to 35 m.p.h. He followed defendant, but could not catch him owing to the dangerous speed. He again saw defendant speeding in Pokfulam Road near the Queen Mary Hospital.

Defendant had convictions for dangerous driving and excessive speed. A fine of \$60 or six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

EXHIBITION OF CHINESE PAINTINGS

Reputed to be one of the most gifted artists in China, Mr. Chen Sheng-yuan, native of Chekiang arrived in the Colony a few days ago.

He is accompanied by Mr. Sse Ming, who is assisting him in exhibiting his works.

Mr. Chen started painting at the age of nine.

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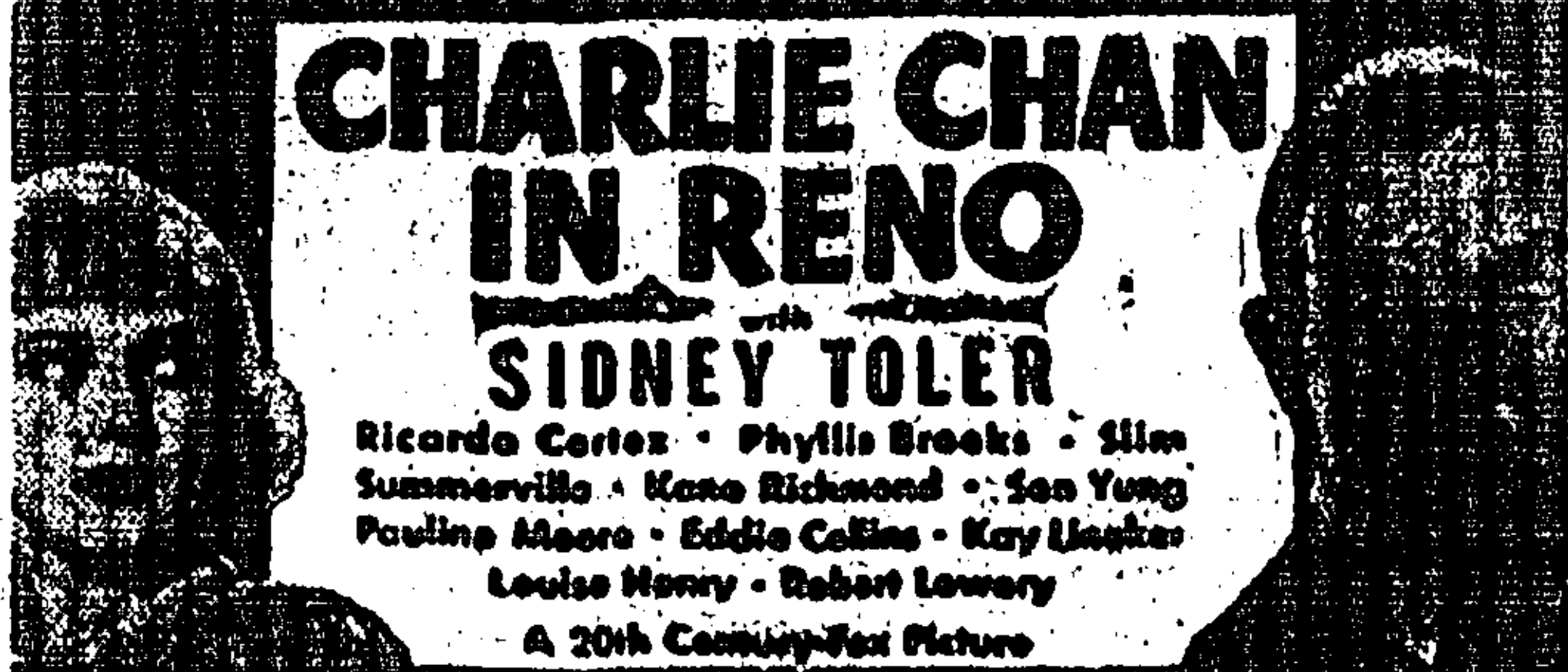
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QUIET BRITISH WARNING TO LITHUANIA

London, To-day.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD in London that Great Britain is not prepared to connive at any concession of Polish territory.

Lithuania has been told that we cannot recognise the cession by Russia of Vilna to Lithuania.

GERMANS IN BELGIUM BITTER

Brussels, To-day.

Some indication of the bitter attitude of the German minority in Belgium to events in the Baltic can be seen in an editorial in the leading newspaper in Eupen, the district ceded to Belgium by Germany after the Great War.

The newspaper says: "The Baltic events are a lesson for German-speaking Belgians."

"Most German-speaking peoples in the Baltic made the mistake of identifying their Germanism with the Nazi ideology and with support of the Drang Nach Osten (thrust to the East)."

"They must bitterly regret their error to-day."

SHOCKING EVENTS

"We believe the shocking events in the Baltic have opened the eyes of our fellow citizens, and that soon all of them will realise their good fortune in being equal citizens of this Christian and democratic State, which, far from trying to suppress their German character, protects it."—Reuter.

SWEDEN TO BUILD NEW WARSHIPS

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish Defence Minister proposed in Parliament yesterday that construction be started immediately on two battleships.

Sweden already has many destroyers of the latest type.

Parliament passed two bills, one setting up a Ministry of National Economy and the other providing severe penalties for espionage.—Reuter.

RED ARMY'S ENTRY POSTPONED

Tallinn, To-day.

The entry of Soviet troops into Esthonia to occupy the bases rented to Russia under the recent agreement has been postponed to Wednesday next week.

Three Soviet warships yesterday entered Tallin Bay and exchanged salutes with Esthonian coastal batteries.—Reuter.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR OUT OF SORTS

Quebec, To-day.

Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, is going to New York next week for a general medical overhaul.

No serious concern is felt over his health.—Reuter.

On the other hand, it is felt that the case of Lithuania is very different from the Russian and German partition of Poland.

Lithuania was compelled to sign a treaty with Russia, and can hardly be blamed if she takes some compensation for the virtual loss of her independence.

In addition, the inhabitants of the Vilna region will be better off under Lithuanian rule than under Russia or Germany.—Reuter.

"MILITARY ALLIANCE"

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet-Lithuanian treaty is described here as a "military alliance," and it is expected that Russia will fortify Lithuania's frontier with Germany.

The treaty will last for 15 years.

Public demonstrations were arranged in Kaunas, the Lithuanian capital, to celebrate the return of Vilna, under the treaty to Lithuania.

It was at Vilna that Lithuania proclaimed the Republic in 1918, and it has always been considered the capital.—Reuter.

KREMLIN DINNER PARTY

Moscow, To-day.

The Lithuanian delegation which concluded the Soviet-Lithuanian "treaty," attended a dinner in their honour at the Kremlin last night.

The Soviet press describes the concessions to Russia by the Baltic States as setting up "an iron ring for Soviet defence in the near Baltic."—Reuter.

WILD CHEERING

Kaunas, To-day.

The return of Vilna to Lithuania has led to rejoicings in Kaunas.

A crowd of 50,000 marched in procession to the President's palace, cheering wildly.

Special editions of the newspapers sold like wildfire.—Reuter.

SOVIET GARRISONS

Kaunas, To-day.

Demonstrating their joy at the return of Vilna, thousands of people gathered and cheered outside the Soviet Legation.

It is reliably reported that garrisons of Soviet troops may be stationed "for mutual security" at various points in Lithuanian territory, but excluding Kaunas and other large industrial towns.

As soon as the Lithuanian Government moves to Vilna, the Soviet Garrison there will be withdrawn.—Reuter.

GESTAPO CHIEF NOW IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Herr Himmler, Chief of the Nazi secret police, arrived in Italy yesterday.

He was met at Milan by an Italian Senator and by the Italian police prefects of Bolzano and Fiume.

He will have talks in a town on Lake Como which are expected to last two days.—Reuter.

AM I DISGUSTIPATED!

London, To-day.

The message sent to the United States with reference to the steamship Iroquois is believed to be part of the propaganda activities of Admiral Raeder.

That the chief of the German naval staff can indulge in propaganda seems to suggest that the command of the German fleet is not a full-time job!—Reuter.

'LIVE' METAL SHEET KILLS WORKMAN

A VERDICT OF DEATH BY MISADVENTURE WAS RETURNED BY THE CORONER, MR. E. HIMS-WORTH, THIS MORNING WHEN AN ENQUIRY WAS HELD INTO THE DEATH OF A BUILDING CONTRACTOR'S WORKMAN, CHAN-LAI-TSAI, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND ON THE ROOF OF GILMAN'S GARAGE ON SEPTEMBER 9.

Inspector S. Shepherd was present for the police.

Dr. H. H. Tai, said that death was caused by electric shock.

The body was discovered by another workman, who saw deceased lying on the roof. The body was burnt and an electric wire was under the body.

Mr. A. Spary, of the P.W.D., said he inspected the roof following the accident and found that a metal sheet, used in constructing a fanlight, had been laid on the wire, damaging the rubber insulation, thereby causing the metal sheet to become "alive." Deceased apparently came in contact with the metal sheet and received a fatal shock.

Sergeant Matches, of the Water Police, said that he was sent to the scene after the accident. He received a slight shock when he stepped on the metal sheet which was about two feet from deceased.

After evidence by Mr. W. M. Gittins, electrical engineer of Wm. C. Jack and Co., and Mr. J. Braga, in charge of the Garage, Mr. Himsworth returned the above verdict.

ULSTER'S GIFT TO U.K.

London, To-day.

Northern Ireland's emergency budget which was presented in the Commons in Belfast yesterday, provides for a contribution of £2,000,000 to the United Kingdom exchequer during the first year of the war an increase of £1,399,999 over the amount allowed in the ordinary Budget announced last May.—British Wireless.

NAZI FUNDS ABROAD

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY DEMANDED OF HITLER

London, To-day.

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED that in South Germany in the past few days, Hitler has been urgently approached by high German army officers and prominent private citizens to set up a commission of enquiry (on which the Army would be represented) to enquire into the statements of the American journalist, Mr. Knickerbocker, that Nazi leaders have deposited large sums abroad.

It is intolerable, the representations to Hitler said, that German soldiers should be giving their lives in defence of the Nazi Government if members of that Government, against their own laws, are preparing to flee abroad at the first sign of adversity.

The report is of particular interest taken in conjunction with another reliable report that the Army is asking for the dismissal of the Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, for purposely misinforming Hitler of British and French reaction to an invasion of Poland.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S NAKED AGGRESSION

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" in an editorial says that Russia's actions in the Baltic are a record in naked aggression.

Their significance can be classed under two headings.

Firstly, they are a new phase in Russia's swift advance to the West.

Secondly, they measure the extent of Hitler's surrender of German trade interests in the East.

SAME MEANING

"One can only conclude," says the newspaper, "that peace means precisely the same to Stalin as it does to Hitler."

"In other words, the demands of a strong country must be granted without resistance by a weaker neighbour."—Reuter.

BRITAIN SMILES AT THE U-BOATS

London, To-day.

Britain to-day is 58,000 tons of shipping better off than when he made his last statement, declared Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Churchill recounted our decreasing losses in the first three weeks to September 24.

Since then we had lost 5,000 tons and had captured 13,000 tons, while 50,000 tons of new shipping was on the water.—Reuter.

SOVIET CONCENTRATIONS ON FRONTIER OF FINLAND— WILL U.S. TAKE A HAND?

Helsinki, To-day.

SEVERAL DIVISIONS of Soviet troops, as well as many large tanks and heavy artillery, have been moved to the Finnish frontier.

The Finnish Foreign Minister will broadcast to the United States to-night.

There is a desperate hope here that the United States will council moderation to the Soviet.

The Finnish commander-in-chief yesterday expressed pleasure at the reaction of the Scandinavian countries to the Russian menace.

It was evidence, he said, of the solidarity of the Scandinavian bloc, and he realized its significance.

He concluded: "We are calm and determined."

EVACUATION MEASURES

Poor people among those who are being evacuated from Helsinki and other Finnish towns are being transported free, while help is being extended to those who have no accommodation out of the cities.

Landlords have been ordered to protect their houses from gas, while the Bourse had been closed. A.R.P. measures must be completed by Thursday evening.

More reservists have been called up, but the people, while surprised, are not panicky. — Reuter.

IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

The Finnish delegation which arrived in Moscow yesterday was met by Soviet officials, the Finnish Minister in Moscow and the Ministers of the Scandinavian States. — Reuter.

A.R.P. ACCELERATED

Berlin, To-day.

According to the official German News Agency, the Finnish Foreign Minister, Dr. Erkko, will broadcast an appeal to the United States to-morrow. Meanwhile, the voluntary evacuation of Helsinki is continuing.

Long queues are to be seen outside the stations, and banks and air raid precautions are being accelerated.

The Finnish Mission which arrived in Moscow yesterday morning is headed by M. Passiviki, Finnish Minister to Stockholm and former Prime Minister of Finland. — Reuter.

ACCORDING TO ROME

London, To-day.

According to Rome Radio the Finnish Government is said to have declared its willingness to make concessions to Russia provided Finland in return is given concessions in Karelian, the autonomous Soviet socialist republic. — Reuter.

FIVE HOURS AIR ATTACK IN VAIN

London, To-day.

It is now known that the German aerial attack on British naval forces in the North Sea lasted five hours.

The Admiralty says that more than 100 bombs were dropped.

One of these dropped close enough to shower bomb splinters on the decks of a cruiser, but most of the missiles were wide, some as much as a mile.

The attack was as prolonged as it was unsuccessful, and there was no damage to our ships and no casualties. — Reuter.

The firing practice announced as between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight to-night has been cancelled.

2,000 PILOTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH SOUTH AFRICA, AS SIR KINGSLEY WOOD ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, IS FOR VARIOUS REASONS, UNABLE TO ADOPT THE SCHEME FOR TRAINING EMPIRE PILOTS IN CANADA, SOUTH AFRICAN CIRCLES IN LONDON ARE POINTING OUT THAT THE UNION HAS BEEN BY NO MEANS INACTIVE.

As far back as 1936, a five-years' defence development plan was begun and had, as one of its salient purposes, the advanced training of pilots.

In March last, the Minister of Defence, Mr. Pirow revealed that the pilot training scheme was well ahead of schedule.

Of a total of 3,000 pilots required under the programme by 1941, more than 2,000 had already been trained.

Preliminary training had been carried out with the help of flying clubs all over the Union and the defence authorities have, for several years past worked in close consultation with Great Britain in regard to aircraft, equipment and the advanced training of personnel. — British Wireless.

DISCONTENT AMONG NAZI OFFICIALS

Paris, To-day.

Rumours of discontent among Nazi party officials and prominent army men, some of whom participated in the formation of the Freikorps in the Baltic countries, is referred to in an Amsterdam dispatch to "Le Journal."

They feel that the abandonment by Germany of the position once held in these countries owing their civilisation to Germany, constitutes an incomprehensible sacrifice open to much criticism.

Following the alliance with the Bolsheviks, the evacuation of Germans from Baltic countries is arousing lively discontent among the higher ranks of the Party. — Reuter.

HOLLAND TO STAY OUT

The Hague, To-day.

Well-informed circles do not expect Holland to join in the protest to Berlin which the Northern Countries are reported to be contemplating owing to the torpedoing of neutral ships, since no Netherlands ship has yet been sunk by torpedo. — Reuter.

The Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Society will be held in the Board Room of the "South China Morning Post," next Tuesday at 5.45 p.m.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



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AMERICAN BOYCOTT OF GERMANY

New York, To-day.

The American Federation of Labour has passed a resolution unanimously confirming the trade union boycott of German goods. The Federation has extended the boycott to Russian goods, and to all other countries who might join the totalitarianism against the countries with parliamentary government. — Reuter.

BRITISH RELATIONS WITH SPAIN

London, To-day.

Replying to a Commons question, Mr. R. A. Butler said yesterday that British relations with Spain were developing in a normal and friendly manner. — British Wireless.

GENERAL HAN CONFIRMED IN POST

Chungking, To-day.

The Executive Yuan has formally appointed General Han Teh-ching as Chairman of the Kiangsu Provincial Government. General Han has been acting as Chairman for some time. — Central News.

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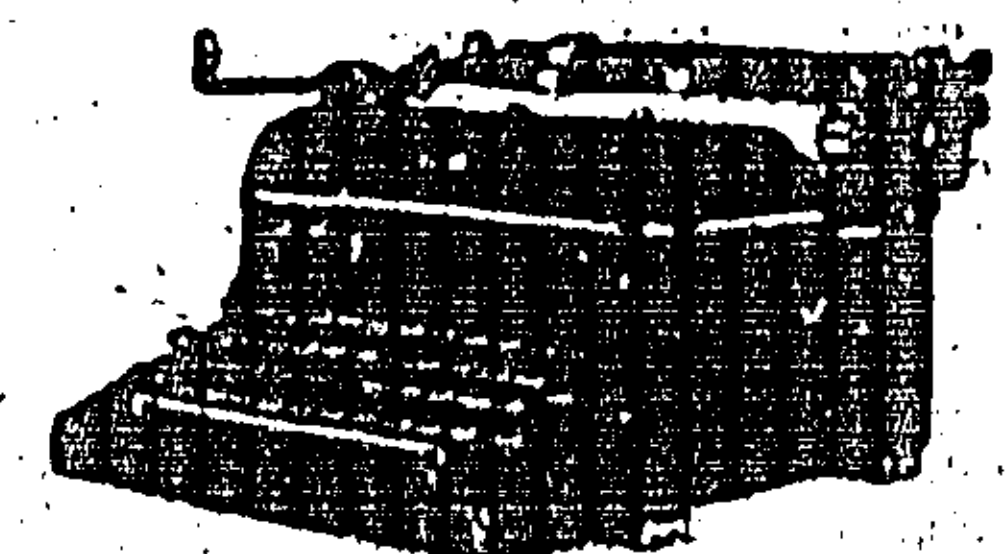
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PLAIN LANGUAGE BY PREMIER

London, To-day.

The full approval of France and the Dominions has now been given to the terms of Mr. Chamberlain's reply to-day to Hitler's peace "offer."

It is understood that the Prime Minister will use some plain language in regard to the proposals and it is felt that the statement will commend itself generally to Commons.

Subsequently Mr. Attlee and Sir Archibald Sinclair will express the Labour and Liberal viewpoints. A lengthy debate on the Prime Minister's statement is likely to follow.—Reuter.

FIRM FRENCH REPLY TO HITLER WARMLY APPLAUDED

Paris, To-day.

THE FRENCH PREMIER'S firm reply to Hitler's speech is warmly welcomed by all sections of the Paris press.

"Le Matin" declares: "Henceforward our position is clear. We are not making an ideological crusade, we are not led by the spirit of conquest."

"We have taken up arms against aggression and will only lay them down under a guarantee of security and after reparation for the use of force."

"M. Daladier spoke so simply but also with such calm firmness that his language will be understood in the four corners of the earth."

"We certainly want peace but not a peace at any price, and above all not a peace with a participant whose signature is valueless."

"Figaro" thinks M. Daladier's speech contained all the characteristics of the French race—good feeling, restraint, humanity, indestructible tenacity.

REFLECTED FRANCE

"L'Oeuvre" says the speech was clear and reasonable, and reflected what the man-in-the-street thinks. It was exactly what the country was waiting for.

The newspaper recalls Hitler's string of broken promises, and adds: "If we were crazy enough to believe this perjurer, in six months, after the Germans had digested their last prey, we would be attacked under less favourable conditions."

GERMAN COMMENT

The German news agency comments mildly on the French Premier's speech. It says that as a first reading shows, the speech differs on various points from the German view, but on M. Daladier's insistence that a guarantee of security is needed, this is in line with the sentiments expressed in Hitler's own speech!—Reuter.

PERFECT EXPRESSION

London, To-day.

The French Premier's speech is hailed as the perfect expression of the attitude which the British Government shares with France.

The "Evening Standard" says the speech was couched in lofty and stirring language.

It is an answer to those who demanded that the Allies state their war aims.

Our aim is to put a final end to the constant terror lying over Europe.

HITLER ASKED FOR IT

The "Daily Telegraph" says the speech left nothing to be desired in points of emphasis.

It recalls the French Premier's broadcast at the beginning of September, when he said the cause of France was linked with justice and with all people of free nations, and that France was making war because it was forced on her. "Nothing has happened since then to invalidate that statement. Hitler asked for war. Be it so.—Reuter.

DOWNING ST. TALK

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister had a conversation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition at No. 10, Downing Street last evening. British Wireless.

AIR TRAINING ENTHUSIASM

London, To-day.

British and Empire press reaction to the new Empire air training scheme is enthusiastic.

In London, "The Times" declares it is a sign that can hardly be exaggerated.

"Here is Imperial co-operation on its highest and largest scale."

"New weight has been thrown into the already fairly even balance of air power."

TRUE COHERENCE

In Australia, the "Melbourne Herald" says the plan will enable the Dominions to make a vital contribution to the victory of the Allies.

The "Melbourne Sun" says that the Empire is showing true coherence instead of crumbling as its enemies had hoped.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN VOLUNTEER

London, To-day.

An Australian Women's Volunteer Service has been formed in London to look after the welfare of Australians.

A bureau has been set up in Australia House to enrol Australians and others who wish to join.—Reuter.

DOMINICA TALE DENIED

London, To-day.

A rumour that the Dominican Government was using "mother-ships" to refuel German submarines operating in the Caribbean Sea was denied by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, when questioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

He said that he was satisfied that the Dominican Republic was fulfilling its obligations as usual.—Reuter.

DISSENSION IN BRITISH COMMUNIST PARTY

London, To-day.

Disension in the British Communist Party is revealed in a statement issued by the Party yesterday announcing the removal of Mr. Harry Pollitt from the position of General Secretary.

The statement also reveals disension in the Party's outlook towards the war.

This divergence led to the removal of Mr. Pollitt.—Reuter.

FRENCH AIR VICTORIES

Paris, To-day.

M. Guy La Chambre, the Air Minister, declared yesterday that French pursuit pilots had proved superior to the Germans in all air battles, and French reconnaissance pilots had flown day and night often several hundred miles into Germany.—Reuter.

AGAIN DEFERRED

London, To-day.

The start of the Scottish Football League has again been deferred. Two regional competitions each comprising 16 teams will begin on October 21.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S TRADE DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS

London, To-day.

IT IS OFFICIALLY announced that an agreement was concluded yesterday between the Ministry of Supply and the Soviet Trade Delegation for an exchange of Russian timber for certain quantities of rubber and tin.

The agreement is described as a commercial transaction not political.

It is pointed out that these commodities are normally part of Anglo-Russian trade dealings.

The announcement mentions the impedance of shipping from Russian ports after ice sets in and states that difficulties caused by withholding export licenses had the effect of holding up a number of cargoes of wood.

Object of the negotiations was to secure the release of goods needed by Russia and vice versa.

TIN PAID FOR

The tin involved, has to a large extent, been paid for through in-

stalments in a long-running commercial contract.

The quantities are not regarded as exceptional. All prices of wood, tin and rubber have been fixed.

The value of the goods exchanged will be absolutely equal and the amount depends on what can be physically moved from northern ports before the ice season.

It is anticipated that this may be one of the first of a series of negotiations with Russia.—Reuter.

EMPIRE AIR TRAINING PLAN

Canberra, To-day.

The Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, declared yesterday that the Empire air training plan would make the Commonwealth a great air power and would substantially contribute to the successful conclusion of the war.

Under the training scheme, missions are going to Canada from Britain, Australia and New Zealand, and it is planned that Canada becomes the chief training centre.

Mr. Menzies announced that the Minister for Civil Aviation and Assistant Defence Minister, Mr. V. Fairbairn, would represent Australia in Canada.

Mr. Menzies concluded by saying that it was a striking example of the manner in which they were employing the full weight and resources of the Empire in the common cause.—Reuter.

MAXIMUM HITTING CAPACITY

According to press reports from Melbourne, the Australian Premier in his broadcast speech said: "The aerial training scheme announced by Sir Kingsley Wood is not only the most spectacular demonstration of Empire co-operation the war has produced but will sound the death knell of German ambitions."

He added that in order to repel German attacks and carry the war into enemy country, they had to develop in the shortest time the maximum hitting capacity of the air arm.

The scheme would surmount the difficulty in which Germany might find herself before long, of producing more military aircraft than could competently be flown.

Under the scheme, Australia would train and maintain thousands instead of hundreds of skilled flying personnel and it would also make the Empire just as surely the leading Air Power as she was the leading Sea Power.—British Wireless.

BURMA DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Rangoon, To-day.

A Defence Committee has been formed, with the Governor, Sir Archibald Cochrane, as Chairman.

The Defence Commissioner is deputy chairman, and one of the members is the Burmese Premier, who has offered the support of his Ministry.—Reuter.

BRITISH ARMY'S PART IN THE WAR: MAJOR LANDING OPERATION IN RECORD TIME

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THAT BRITAIN HAD 158,000 MEN IN FRANCE IN FIVE WEEKS, THAT THE MAJOR OPERATION OF ORGANISING LINES OF COMMUNICATION INVOLVED THE TRANSPORT OF OVER 25,000 VEHICLES WAS REVEALED BY MR. HORE-BELISHA IN HIS STATEMENT ON THE PART BEING PLAYED BY THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE WAR.

The War Minister further disclosed that British forces in the Middle East has also been substantially reinforced.

Some of the tanks transported to France are of enormous dimensions. All movement in France, he also disclosed, was carried out at night.

Making a comparison with 1914, Mr. Hore-Belisha said "Now only 20 per cent. of the fighting troops are infantrymen (with 50 Bren guns, 16 anti-tank rifles and other weapons as well per battalion) compared with nearly 60 per cent. of the fighting troops in France in 1914 who were infantrymen.

It will be seen by this one example how much more effectively armed with fire power is the present expeditionary force.

There is, however, one aspect of our army that has not altered: its relations with our Allies who have welcomed the men so generously and are as good-humoured. Mr. Hore-Belisha commenting on what he saw on his recent G.H.Q. visit said: "I would like their parents and wives to know that they are in fine spirits."

CIGARETTE SHORTAGE

"Only serious shortcoming at the moment appears to be an inadequacy of cigarettes and the slowness in delivery of letters.

"At this moment they are busily engaged in fortifying their positions in the line.

"Civilian skill and machinery are augmenting military resources. We are determined to perfect the existing defences and to supplement them speedily by every means.

To all who have co-operated in this military movement; to the various Government departments in this country and France, the gratitude of the nation is due.

MARITIME MIGHT

Especially, however, should the achievement be recorded as evidence that the maritime might of Britain is unimpaired.

The Navy has not lost its secret and the Air Force has held its protecting wings over another element of danger.

"It is not only to France that British soldiers have been transported.

"The Middle East has been strongly reinforced and also our garrisons elsewhere both in material and men.

"One part of our army, however, remains stationary in this country. Anti-aircraft units have been on guard since this war began. Their vigilance is not forgotten, underestimated or unrecognised.

BETTER THAN 1914

"We were at the outset of hostilities better situated than we were in 1914.

Recalling the peacetime military training system and the doubling of the Territorials, Mr. Hore-Belisha said:

"Altogether we had at the disposal of the army in this country alone including reservists and militia, the best part of a million men on whom we could call.

"Never has the total of our forces in the United Kingdom approached anywhere near such a total in time of peace."

RAPID GROWTH

"The growth has been rapid and had placed a great burden on the organisation on the regular army.

Recalling the growth of the army, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that in April a plan for 19 divisions became a plan for 32. "This is not to be the limit of our effort. Great calls will be made upon our man-power.

"How do we intend to proceed?

In the first place we have a method of calling up classes. With each batch we are taking a quota of volunteers.

Since the beginning of the war we have taken into or are in the process of taking into the Army, nearly 50,000 volunteers.

"In September it happened that we took in twice as many volunteers as militiamen.

"The volunteers have been of all military ages and this should dispose of the supposition that we are confining entry into the Army to young men of first age groups.

NO DEARTH OF ABILITY

There has been no dearth of ability in the ranks. The lookout for talent is continuous. In this army, a star is within every private soldier's reach.

"None, however humble or exalted his birth, need be afraid that his military virtues will remain unrecognised."

Mr. Hore-Belisha revealed that in the last six weeks we had taken 2,000 officers from the Reserves' register and announced that women of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, already 20,000 strong were about to augment their members and extend their invaluable service in the replacement of their brothers in arms.

OLDER MEN

Mr. Hore-Belisha outlined two new openings for older men: "We propose to form Home Defence battalions. Each one will be a battalion of its own county regiment and will be composed of officers and other ranks not serving in national defence companies; officers and other ranks found to be permanently or temporarily unfit for service overseas and officers and other awaiting drafting, and young soldiers not available by age for service in the theatre of operations.

"It would be possible for some older ex-officers and men to be absorbed by these battalions.

"We are also in the process of forming an Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps to be organised in battalions which will take over military pioneer work both overseas and here. All will be volunteers."

ULTIMATE MEASURE

The War Minister paid tribute to the industries engaged in the output of munitions and added: "It is the output of factories making equipment and munitions for the field which will be the ultimate measure of our effort.

The Army itself was training men as technicians and the Minister of Labour had plans in mind

for enabling some of his training establishments to assist in the provision of Army requirements of skilled tradesmen.

TWICE IN A GENERATION

Concluding, Mr. Hore-Belisha said: "While the world was reading of German advances into Poland, British soldiers resolved to rectify this wrong were passing silently and in unceasing sequence across the Channel into France.

"How strange it is that twice in a generation men should take this journey and some should be treading again upon soil made sacred by their fathers.

"We may rest assured that they will acquit themselves with the same tenacity, courage and endurance.

"However long the struggle and however great the ordeal they will, as our soldiers did before, take our arms and our cause of freedom to victory."

UNITY OF COMMAND

Replying to a brief debate, Mr. Hore-Belisha said: I have been asked if unity of command is assured. The answer is yes it is.

"The British Army is under French command (cheers). The British commander-in-chief has the right of appeal to his own Cabinet, which I don't imagine it will be normally necessary to exercise because the understanding is so complete and whole-hearted in every particular.

"But unity of command is assured in that way and it is even possible that French troops may be under the British C.-in-C."

Mr. Hore-Belisha also announced that General Dill was commanding the First Corps, General Brook the Second Corps, while General Viscount Gort's chief of staff is Major-General N. R. Pownall who had been Director of Intelligence and Operations at the War Office since 1938.—Reuter.

ULSTER'S RESPONSE TO THE CALL

Belfast, To-day.

Lord Craggavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, declared yesterday that the response of Ulstermen to the call for service was wholly satisfactory.

"I am proud," he said, "at what has been done and is being done to help the mother country."

Lord Craggavon added that he would make a weekly statement in Parliament, which would meet two days a week instead of three.—Reuter.

NOT THE LAST TO ARRIVE

London, To-day.

A point emphasised in the War Secretary's statement in the Commons yesterday afternoon was that the contingents of the British Expeditionary Force at present in France were not the last that would arrive there.

Bases had been created and lines of communication organised to assure the regular flow of supplies and munitions and the reception of further contingents as and when it might be decided to send them.

Mr. Hore-Belisha cited the neutral testimony of American observers to the excellence of the equipment possessed by the force and he added: "I have been asked whether we have enough reserves to keep the forces in the field. We send no divisions to France until we are satisfied they can be kept in the field. We shall not make the error of putting them into battle when supplies are likely run out."—British Wireless.

LIU CHUEH-MIN PASSES

Chungking, To-day.

Mr. Liu Chueh-min, member of the Control Yuan, has died at Siaoyi, Honan.—Central News.

NAZI PERSISTENT IN RAIDS ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND seems determined to obtain information of French strategical positions and strength along the Rhine-Moselle Front.

No big attack with masses of infantry has been launched, but there have been persistent raids of small patrols attempting to gather information and take prisoners, from whom the facts of the situation might be gathered.

Machine-guns and light field guns have held up all raiding parties.

German reconnaissance planes have been busy, mostly taking oblique photographs of the French defences from behind the German lines.

On Tuesday, taking advantage of the bad weather, a few vertical photographs of the French lines were obtained. Semi-official circles say that the reasons for the German activities are the German determination to retake lost territory and the fear of a

rise in the Rhine waters flooding the German advanced positions.—Reuter.

PATROLS STRONGER

Paris, To-day.

The latest war communique states that activity by enemy patrols continues and grows stronger between the Moselle and the Saar.

There was artillery action by both sides in the same region.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

WATCHDOG?

Going straight to the point, we wish to ask President Roosevelt this question quite bluntly. "Will he really try to act as a watchdog for Britain and France in the Far East?" President Roosevelt, only recently, strengthened the American Far Eastern Fleet by dispatching to Manila rather suddenly the aircraft carrier Ranglely with more than ten ocean-crossing bombers on board the vessel. At the same time, Mr. Roosevelt has ordered the landing of American marines at Kulangsu closely on the heels of the withdrawal of British and French marines from that South China isle. Moreover despite the fact that greater sea dangers due to the European war are believed to exist in the Atlantic, President Roosevelt is still keeping in Pacific waters, America's main naval strength consisting of more than 130 ships. The underlying motives of all these moves are indeed quite inexplicable.—"Japan Times."

NO PANACEA

We do not think this Nomonhan truce will prove a panacea to straighten out all at once the Russo-Japanese relations that have been twisted round so much.

Director Tatsuo Kawai of the Information Bureau in the Foreign Office, in a statement relative to the truce, said:

"Both the Governments of Japan and the Soviet Union have recognized that a solution of the dispute in the district of Nomonhan along the boundary between Manchoukuo and Outer Mongolia would dispel the unpleasant atmosphere prevailing between the two countries, and would contribute toward the restoration of Japanese-Soviet relations to their normal status." If this state of affairs should become a turning point in bringing about a new aspect in the Russo-Japanese relations in coping with the problem of building a new East Asia or of the European turmoil, this truce should have a greater significance. One salient feature in the truce is the agreement to name a joint commission to define the boundary line.

Since both sides seek to eradicate what forms the basis of international troubles, such a step should be taken speedily and boldly. But since Moscow is quite an adept in wielding a dual diplomacy, astride over Europe and Asia, it will be impossible to judge the future with a simple incident in the Far East. We should rather expect to see the oil field, coal mining, fishery and other problems vital to our country solved one after another.—"Nichi Nichi."

JAPAN AND SOVIET

There are many factors that are likely to cause frictions between Japan and Soviet Russia, but the absence of definite boundaries along Manchoukuo-Soviet and Manchoukuo-Mongolia territories is the basic cause of all troubles. The Changkufeng event was one and this Nomonhan is another. The region about Changkufeng has been quiet since the boundary was agreed upon.

The creation of a joint commission to define the Manchou-Mongolia boundary

will result similarly in restoring peace in the surrounding district. Compared with the Changkufeng event, this Nomonhan affair is much larger in scale as well as in sacrifice, and should prove a serious lesson for both sides, but it would be premature to think of this Nomonhan truce as the forerunner of the final adjustment of the Soviet Japan relations. We should consider, on this occasion, the plan of creating a joint commission that will define the national boundaries as a whole.—"Asahi Shimbun."

JAPAN AND U.S.

In the more than two years since the outbreak of the China Affair, Japan has racked her brains vis-a-vis her policy toward the United States. This is not necessarily because America is a supplier-nation to Japan of necessary materials in the latter's carrying out of its China campaign, nor is it because of the fact that America is the only nation capable of using actual strength as regards Far Eastern problems. Carefully examining all the Far Eastern issues we find that there is hardly any special political interest of the United States in the Far East which runs counter to the Japanese racial ideal of construction of a new order in East Asia. American interests in the Far East are centred in such cultural facilities as schools, hospitals and Christian churches. True, she has trade and commercial interests in the Far East, but that is hardly cause to justify her recent step in notifying Japan of her abrogation of the 1911 Japanese-American commercial pact.—"Kokumin Shimbun."

NOMONHAN

That this Nomonhan truce was concluded in comparatively a short time may be due to the fact that Soviet Russia is so much concerned about the situation in Europe that

it found it expedient to stop all hostile activities around the Manchou boundaries as soon as possible. This truce, at any rate, will serve as a factor in clearing the somewhat gloomy atmosphere that has been prevalent between the two countries, and in this particular respect it deserves our congratulation.

This truce will presumably mark the beginning of the solution of economic and other pending issues between the two countries, and the truce thus may be considered as contributory, however, passive toward the

construction of the new order in East Asia. On this occasion, we should not forget the friendly efforts not only of the Berlin Government but of the German Ambassador here who have been instrumental in realizing this idea toward a more amiable Russo-Japanese relations.

Our people seemed to feel averse to their relations with Germany since the announcement of the Russo-German non-aggression pact, but the steady show of friendship by Germany, now proved with the conclusion of the truce, will further consolidate this friendly relations. The Nomonhan truce should prove a live object lesson to England and France who are insisting on helping the Chungking authority. They should awaken to realities and act accordingly; else they would suffer the consequences far from their liking.—"Hochi Shimbun."

WHATEVER COMES

Whatever comes, the democracies have escaped for ever the smirch and ruin of shame, folly, and disaster. Within twenty-four hours the British and French Governments announced that they would stand by their pledges to the utmost and the last. No matter what happens, these nations have saved their souls. They have staked their all on courage and faith, and there will be no more talk of degenerate democracies. This is the stand. There never was a better or a greater stand by free nations. So far as there remains any glimmering of hope for the happier future of mankind that auspice could not have been gained without the moral and physical fearlessness of the democracies whose expected funk, had they felt one quiver of it, would have been fatal for ever.—J. L. Garvin.

BRITISH ECONOMIC POWER

London, To-day.

In connection with Germany's claim to economic strength and allegations of the weakness of Britain, the following points may be useful:—

Britain is the second richest country in the world, second only to the United States.

The average income per head of the British people is £112 whereas the average income per head of the people of Greater Germany is only £64½.

The British people therefore can afford to spend nearly twice as much on the war as the Germans.

For every gun which Germany can afford to make, Britain can make two; for every aeroplane which Germany can produce, Britain can afford to make two.

TWICE AS MUCH POWER

When British war effort is fully mobilised she can exert nearly twice as much power as the German.

Britain is incomparably stronger financially than Germany and has a gold reserve of over £500,000,000 whereas Germany has hardly any gold reserves at all. Britain has foreign investments totalling £3,500,000,000, whereas Germany has none.

Without exporting anything at all, Britain could pay for imports of food and raw material for at least 18 months, whereas Germany has only enough foreign exchange to pay for imports for two months.

TAXATION FIGURES

As far as taxation is concerned, Britain compares favourably. The German married man has to pay income-tax as soon as his income reaches £65 a year—the British married tax-payer does not begin to pay until his income is £225.

In Britain there are ample supplies of food and it has not yet been necessary to introduce rationing.

In Germany rations are already in force and the ration is pitifully small.

The British Empire produces three times as much wheat and twice as much sugar as Germany and Britain has half as many people to feed as Greater Germany. The British Empire produces twice as much iron-ore as Germany, four times as much oil and petrol, seven times as much copper, and nearly three times as much lead.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S TWO-POINT POLICY

Ankara, To-day.

The Premier, Saydam, yesterday lengthily explained Russo-Turkish negotiations to the Parliamentary Group of the Republican People's Party, which approved the Government's viewpoint, says an official communiqué.

Political circles believe that both the new Russo-Turkish pact and the pacts of mutual assistance with Britain and France will be signed shortly.—Reuter.

COST OF LIVING IN HONG KONG ?

Sir,—Can anyone inform me what is the percentage of increase in the cost of living in Hong Kong since the Sino-Japanese hostilities, and also since the outbreak of the Allied War? "INTERESTED".

Clothing valued at \$62.80 was stolen from the residence of Ho Kwok early this morning in Des Voeux Road Central.

COMMISSIONS TO COME FROM THE RANKS

London, To-day.

Mr. Horo-Bellisha intimated in the Commons yesterday that apart from specialist appointments, virtually all new Army Commissions would be given from the ranks.—British Wireless.

SOVIET LEAVING 'OCCUPIED' CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.

Soviet Russia's Consulates at Shanghai, Peiping and Tientsin have been instructed to close offices by the Soviet Foreign Office.

The Norwegian Consulates are taking charge of the interests of the Soviet nationals.

It is learned that in spite of the recent Pact signed between the Soviet and Japan settling the Outer Mongolia-Manchukuo border dispute, strained relations still exist between the two nations, and, that the Soviet has flatly turned down Japan's request to discontinue assistance to China.

INVITATION DECLINED

The Soviet, it is stated, has declined Japan's invitation to participate in the campaign of creating a new order in Asia.

Yesterday, an article was circulated by a pro-Japanese news agency calling on the White Russians to organise anti-Soviet movements.—Our Own Correspondent.

WITH THE R.A.F. IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

Reuter's correspondent with the R.A.F. in France says that air activity on the western front at present is confined to reconnoitring activity.

At small cost, our planes have taken photographs of the Siegfried Line, but the Germans, for the same cost, have nothing to show, for air fights are almost wholly over German territory.

The only German flight over the French lines was by a single machine flying very high, and Messerschmidt fighters are the only enemy planes to be seen.

RECENT DOGFIGHT

The correspondent describes a recent dog-fight between British, French and German planes, in which one enemy machine was shot down.

One of the British planes developed engine trouble, but the pilot was lucky enough to land behind the Maginot Line.

He was greeted by a pollu with the words, "Blimey, guv'nor, you're blooming lucky!" The pollu was a Frenchman whose home is in South London.—Reuter.

NO SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that the King has decided that an Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph will not be held this year.—Reuter.

TWO U-BOATS SUNK BY BRITISH NAVAL CONVOY SHIPS

New York, To-day.

NOW TWO GERMAN U-boats were sunk by British destroyers was described by members of the crew of the British freighter "Newton Pine" (4,212 tons), of the Tyneside Line, which arrived in America yesterday.

One of the seaman said they left England after war was declared, and for the first four days of the voyage were convoyed by destroyers.

Three German submarines tried to attack the convoy, and from the decks of the "Newton Pine" they saw the U-boats sunk.

One was only 100 yards from their port rail, and after destroyers had dropped depth-charges, a great geyser of oil and wreckage shot above the surface.

They also saw a British steamer sunk by a torpedo. The British ship was steaming up to join the convoy when a torpedo hit her. There was one big explosion and the ship literally vanished.—Reuter.

MARINE IN TIENTSIN INCIDENT

Tientsin, To-day.

One of two United States Marines from Peiping who were guarding a shipment of goods at Tientsin East Station last night was involved in an argument with a railway police officer, believed to be of Chinese nationality.

As a result of the argument, they both produced their guns, the first Marine shooting the policeman through the thigh, and then escaping through the barriers to the Marine Barracks, while the other Marine was detained by the railway police.

He is still being held and so far there are no further details.—Reuter.

PALESTINE RECRUITING

Jerusalem, To-day.

Recruiting has begun in Jerusalem of 2,000 Palestine volunteers from Palestine nationals for the Royal Engineers, the Royal Army Service Corps, the Ordinance Corps and the Medical Corps.

The men will be liable for service in any garrison or theatre of war.—Reuter.



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ANGLO-SOVIET PARLEYS FACTS NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

London, To-day.
IN THE HOUSE of Commons, Mr. Ellis Smith, Labour, asked the Prime Minister if he had now considered the need to publish a Blue Book containing documents, etc., concerning the relation of Great Britain to the U.S.S.R. during the period August, 1939, to October, 1939.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, had given careful consideration to this question.

He was not prepared to authorise the publication of these documents at present.

Mr. Butler added that it should be remembered that in the exchange of views which took place between the British Government and the U.S.S.R., they took into consideration the position of several other governments.

Replying to Mr. G. Le M. Mander, who wanted to know what action the Government proposed to take with reference to a proposal put forward by the Soviet Government for a resumption of the trade negotiations with Britain, Mr. Butler said that the question of adapting Anglo-Soviet trade relations to the conditions of the present war is now under consideration.

Some preliminary difficulties were under discussion with the Soviet Government. — Reuter.

HUNT FOR ATLANTIC RAIDER

London, To-day.

Although great secrecy surrounds the plans of the Admiralty to capture the German raider in the South Atlantic, it was learned in London last night that British cruisers are now searching for it.

The only known victim of the raider — which is believed to be the pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer — has been the British freighter Clement, which was shelled and sunk at the beginning of October.

This belief is founded on evidence provided by the Clement's survivors, but since then nothing has been heard of her.

SHIP'S DANGER

Fully aware of the danger of using her wireless, which might easily reveal her position to hunting cruisers, the lone raider is apparently not attempting to communicate with the German admiralty.

It is revealed that the Admiral Scheer carries enough oil fuel to give her a range of 10,000 miles and if she has no opportunity of refuelling, she may be forced to strike again soon or make a dash for home — her chances of escape then are considered very small. — Reuter.

MISS OWEN RETURNS

Miss Gytha Owen is back in town after a holiday in New Zealand, where she did a lot of painting.

Miss Owen has brought back a very fine selection of water colours of Saigon and New Guinea, while her efforts on Java and New Zealand are now in preparation. Those works, beautifully mounted, are on view at Brewers Bookshop, Alexandra Building, and may be purchased at from \$30 to \$75.

BRITAIN'S AIR MISSION TO CANADA

London, To-day.

Sir Kingsley Wood, the Air Minister, announced the composition of the British air mission to Canada in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

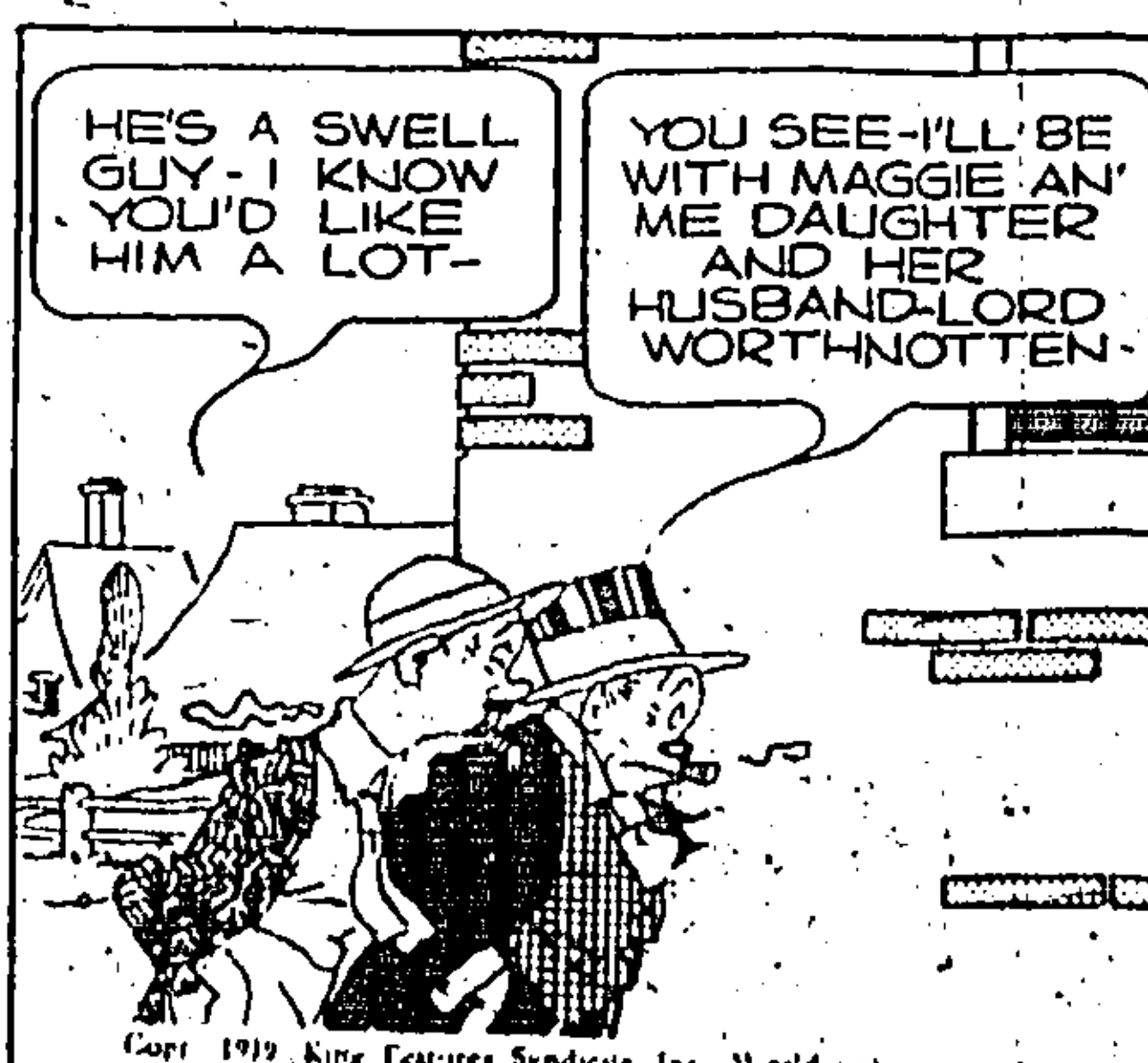
The leader is Lord Riverdale, the Northern industrialist, and the deputy leader is Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

Mr. F. P. Earle, managing director of one of our largest aircraft manufacturing companies, will be a member of the mission, which will also comprise technical and other officers.

As Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham is now on service abroad, his place will be taken temporarily by Air Vice-Marshal Sir Christopher Courtney.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Ministry, Capt. Balfour, will also go to Canada to help in arrangements which Canada will have to make for the consultations with the missions from Australia and New Zealand. — Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

MINING DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, To-day.

IN SOUTH AFRICA, it is expected that the war will lead to the development of the Dominion's mineral ores.

It is calculated that the Dominion will produce enough for her own requirements and also will be able to ship the surplus to Great Britain and the Allies.

FOOD RATIONING IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

It was announced by Rome radio last night that although food and other necessities have not yet been rationed, it may become necessary to do so. As a precaution, a census is being taken of supplies.—Reuter.

PROSPEROUS YEAR IN N.T.

The annual report of the District Officer, North, Mr. J. Barrow, reveals that the people of the District enjoyed, in 1938 unusual prosperity, which was not altogether counterbalanced by the necessity of harbouring refugee relatives or friends, and which resulted in a decrease in unemployment.

Under favourable conditions both crops of rice were above the average and prices were good, especially towards the end of the year, as a result of the hostilities in China.

The strong demand, for the same reason, for poultry, pigs, and cattle, assured farmers of good prices for these, too. The idea of growing vegetables in winter is now generally accepted. Both in volume of output and in quality last winter showed a great advance, and the demand increased considerably.

Large modern farms, dealing in fruit, vegetables, poultry, pigs, and honey, continue to increase in number. The owners nearly all make roads to them, which benefits the District as a whole, since the roads are mostly over Crown Land, and public.

These farms and the fish-ponds shared in the boom.

The same strong demand benefited the sea-folk, and the waters of the District were apparently sufficiently richly stocked to satisfy these people, in spite of the fact that the sea-folk were at times about four times as numerous as usual, particularly in the weeks following the Japanese landing in Bias Bay.

Pineapples did badly and several leases of land on which pineapples were grown were not renewed on expiry.

WENT OFF ON JOYRIDE

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, Gunner Larthe, of the 12th. Battery, R.A., was fined \$20 for driving a private car, No. 2395, without a driving licence, and without the owner's permission.

Traffic Sub-Inspector J. Scrim said that Gunner Bartlett hired the car from the owner and drove it to Whitfield Barracks accompanied by accused and another gunner. After they alighted from the car, accused drove it away and returned after seven hours.

South Africa contains nearly all the metals and oils required by modern industry, though only the more accessible products are now being worked.

Mining products are exported as raw materials, the finished articles being mainly imported.

LARGE RESERVES

Among the base metals in South Africa are asbestos, chrome and manganese. There are large reserves of these, and also iron, copper, tin and vanadium.

The recent advance in technical skill will enable most of the problems of plant and equipment to be solved locally.

An estimate made two years ago placed the value of South Africa's untouched base minerals at over £30,000,000.—Reuter.

STUBBS RD. ACCIDENT AFTERMATH

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, Mr. L. B. Holmes of No. 199, The Peak, was summoned for failing to keep to the left in Stubbs Road on September 14.

Mr. F. G. Nigel, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant.

Inspector F. J. Clarke said that about 3.40 p.m. he was called to an accident in Stubbs Road near Ling Nam College. He found an army lorry, No. 4825, on top of a white rock, with the radiator against an electric transformer. The lorry was badly damaged. A soldier was injured as a result of the crash. The width of the road was 21 feet, and there were two skid marks on the road.

ARMY DRIVER'S STORY

Private F. J. Byfood, of the Middlesex Regiment, said he was driving down Stubbs Road with a party of soldiers at a speed of 12 miles an hour.

On rounding a bend, he saw a car, No. 2190, rapidly approaching from the opposite direction on the wrong side of the road. He quickly pulled to left and the lorry mounted a rock. With Cpl. Hoare, he got out, and found a soldier lying on the road on the right side of the truck. The oncoming car had already passed, but stopped about 30 yards away. The soldier, a passenger in his truck, was thrown out when the lorry crashed against the transformer.

Cpl. A. Hoare said he was sitting next to Pte. Byfood. He also saw car No. 2190 coming towards the lorry on the wrong side of the road.

Mr. Forrest later adjourned the case to October 18.

MAN IN RICKSHA STABBED

A Chinese riding in a ricksha in Canton Road, near Jordan Road, at about 3 o'clock this morning was held up by two men armed with daggers.

One of them stabbed him in the arm, after which they stole money, a watch, a gold chain and a fountain pen to a total value of \$232.30.

The Japanese Consulate-General in Hong Kong is to remove this weekend to No. 2, Colnhaught Road, top floor.

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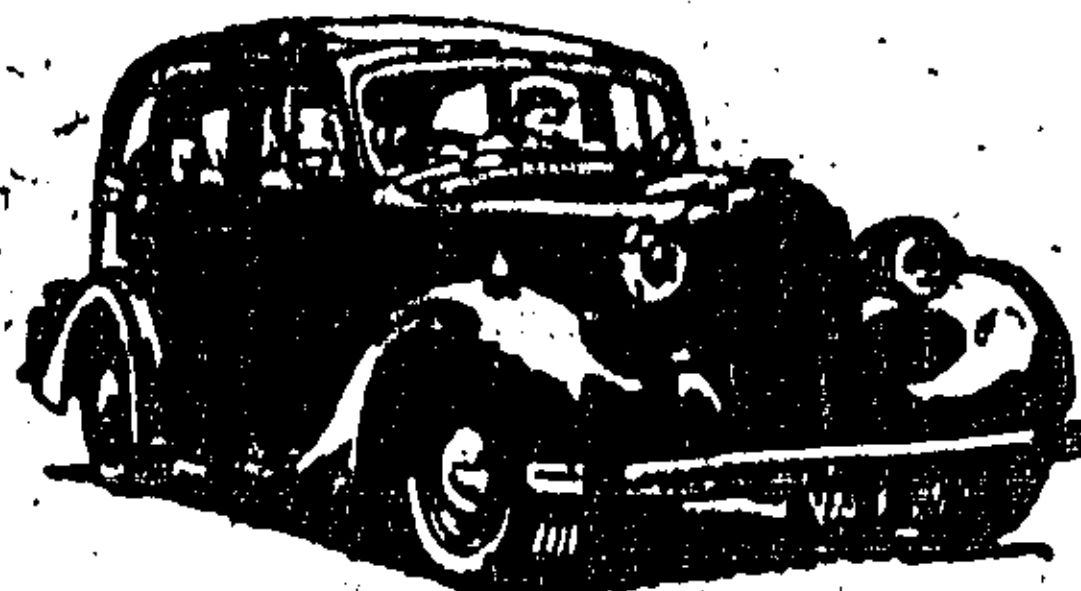
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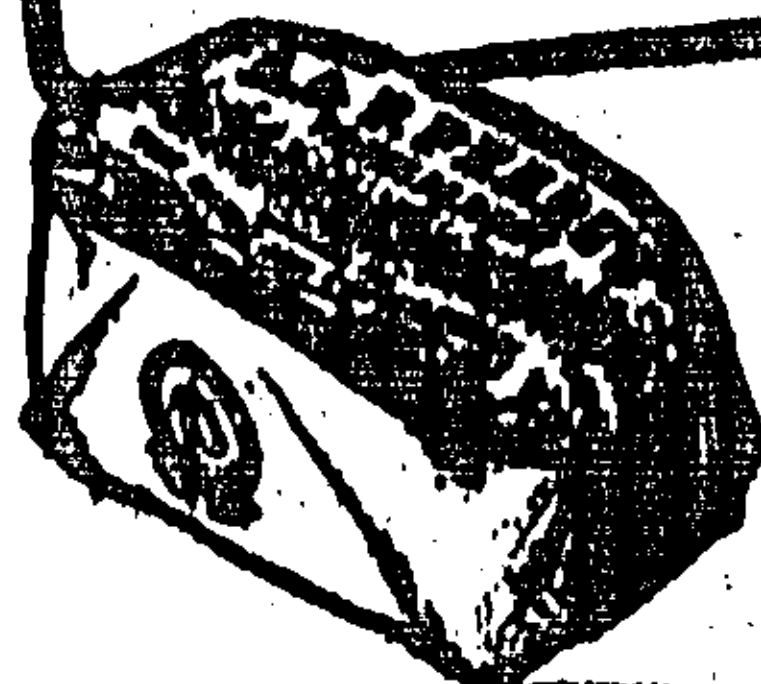
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Japan and Shanghai	October 12.
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Calcutta and Straits	October 14.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 7th October	October 15.
Shanghai and Amoy	October 16.
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Manila	October 16.
Shanghai	October 16.
Calcutta and Straits	October 17.
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Haiphong	October 17.
Straits	October 17.
Shanghai	October 17.
Japan and Shanghai	October 17.
Straits	October 18.
Java and Manila	October 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 28th Sept.)	October 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
THURSDAY		
Haiphong		Thur., Oct. 12, 1.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 19th. Oct.	Reg.,	G.P.O. Oct. 12, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 12, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.,	K.P.O. Oct. 12, 5.00 p.m.
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FRIDAY		
Tourane		Oct. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Shanghai		Oct. 13, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 30th October.		G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Shanghai	Par.,	Oct. 12, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 25th October.	Reg.,	Oct. 13, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 13, 10.00 a.m.
	Reg.,	K.P.O. Oct. 18, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 18, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.,	G.P.O. Oct. 18, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 18, 7.30 a.m.
SATURDAY		
Amoy		Oct. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Salgon		Oct. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th November.		G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Shanghai	Par.,	Oct. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Reg.,	Oct. 14, 9.45 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Ord.,	Oct. 14, 10.30 a.m.
		Oct. 14, 10.30 a.m.
		Oct. 14, 2.30 p.m.
	Parcels,	Oct. 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 14, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd October.	Reg.,	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Oct. 14, 5.00 p.m.
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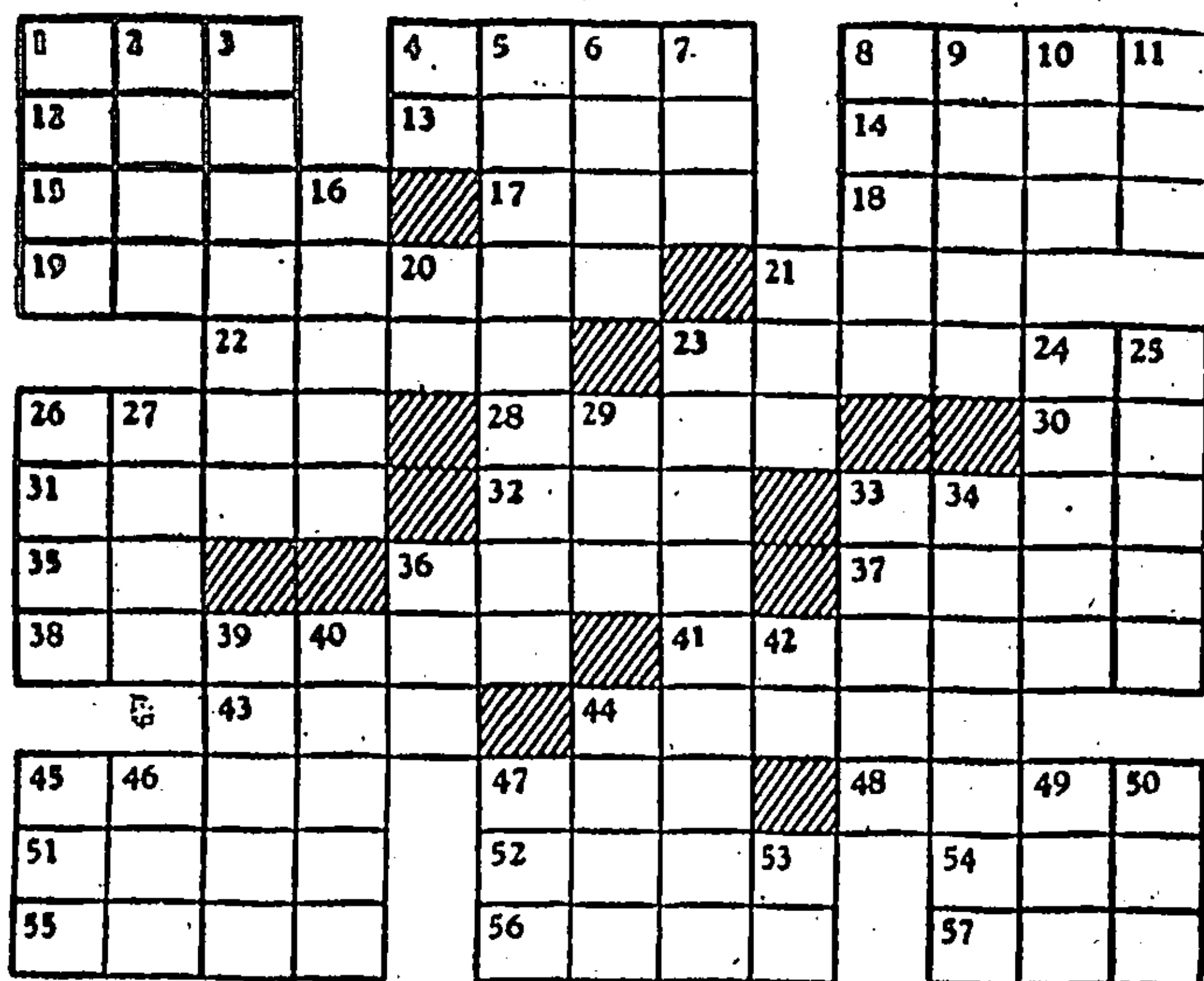
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- 22 Italian coin
- 23 Hastens
- 26 Frank
- 28 To classify
- 30 Sun deity
- 31 To be carried
- 32 Babylonian god
- 33 Fuss
- 35 One
- 36 Fruit
- 37 To long for
- 38 Rents
- 41 Freed
- 43 Trap
- 44 Employa
- 45 Hindu goddess

VERTICAL

- 47 Electrified particle
- 48 To blind
- 51 Seed covering
- 52 To rant
- 54 Pen
- 55 Companions
- 56 Former
- 57 Bishopric

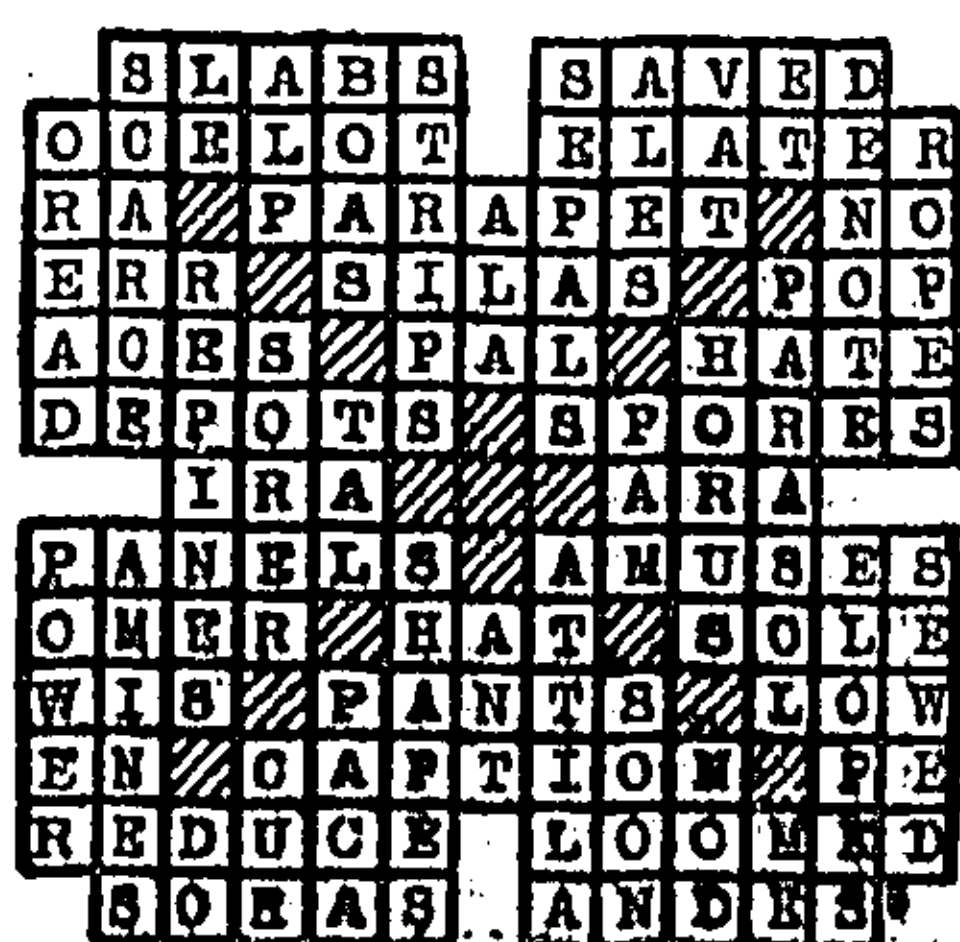
VERTICAL

- 1 Malay
- 2 Gibbons
- 3 Sloth
- 4 Wagered
- 5 Hebrew month
- 6 Abstracts
- 7 Arrow
- 8 Poison

VERTICAL

- 7 Slamese coin
- 8 To put away
- 9 To speak
- 10 Encore!
- 11 Drunkard
- 16 To put in row
- 20 Prefix: not
- 21 Simian
- 23 Small birds
- 24 To adorn
- 25 Cloyed
- 26 Spoken
- 27 To long
- 29 Macaw
- 33 Footwear
- 34 Own
- 36 Fondle
- 39 Blacksmith's block
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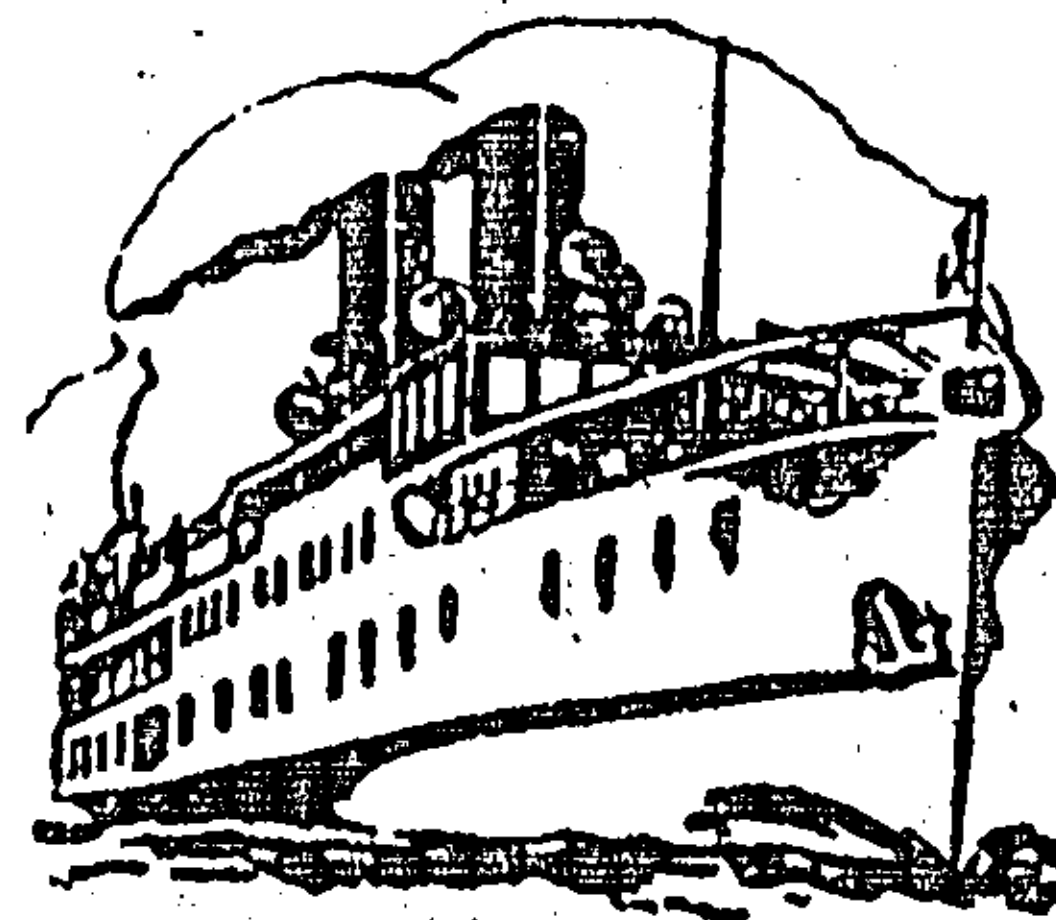
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SHEKKI REOCCUPIED

MACAO, TO-DAY.
CHINESE TROOPS ENTERED SHEK-KI YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE JAPANESE FORCES.

The Japanese have, however, not withdrawn from Chungshan District but have retired to positions opposite Taiwongtau and to Titshek.

Several sharp skirmishes occurred yesterday south-west of Shek-ki between the two forces. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPAN'S EXPLANATION

Shanghai, To-day.
A Japanese naval spokesman stated yesterday that out of respect of the birth-place of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Japanese forces are withdrawing from Chungshan! — Our Own Correspondent.

SENTENCED

According to the evening edition of the "Sing Tao Jih Pao," the three men who were alleged to have shot Tseng Chung-ming, secretary of Wang Ching-wei, on April 21, have been sentenced to seven years' hard labour each at the French High Court in Hanoi.

THRILLING PICTURE OF AIR WARFARE

THERE IS NOTHING exceptional in regard to plot but those cinema fans who never get tired of hearing the drone of aeroplanes, the rat-tat of machine guns and the thrilling roar of combat planes in power-dives, will thoroughly enjoy "The Dawn Patrol" which was previewed yesterday morning.

The cast is excellent and all the parts are handled with unusual skill.

Outstanding performance is given by Basil Rathbone as the nerve-torn commander of Fifty-Nine Squadron, forced to wait at squadron H. Q. while the "child" replacements to the Squadron carry out "impossible" raids decreed by brass-hats, to quote Errol Flynn, "sitting comfortably in arm-chairs miles behind the lines."

One can well understand the plaudits received by David Niven from the critics for his work in this picture after viewing it. As the drink-loving second-in-command of "A" Flight he gives an admirable performance reaching great dramatic heights and yet managing to put over the lighter sequences convincingly.

Special mention must also be made of Donald Crisp as the elderly, understanding adjutant of the Squadron.

There are two particularly spectacular flying sequences. In one Errol Flynn and David Niven bomb and

strafe an enemy aerodrome, while the other provides a fitting conclusion, an enemy ammunition dump being realistically destroyed to an accompaniment of deafening explosions, crashing chimney-stacks and railway carriages being flung high into the air.

TOKYO CRISIS THREATENS

Tokyo, To-day.

A Cabinet crisis threatens in connection with the Trade Ministry issue, following the tendering of their resignations by over 106 dissenters to the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs last night. — Reuter.

FOR A.R.P.

London, To-day.

It is because of the necessity of maintaining A.R.P. precautions that there will be no Armistice Day ceremony at the Cenotaph this year.

November 11 will be observed as Poppy Day, as usual, and it is suggested that the following Sunday be observed as a day of remembrance and dedication. — Reuter.

WANCHAI FIRE

Over \$1,000 worth of cotton-wool, used in making Chinese quilts, went up in flames this morning in a shop in Lockhart Road, Wanchai.

Fire appliances had the outbreak under control within 15 minutes.

It is understood that the goods were insured.

ARMY TRIAL TEAMS

The final Army Rugby Trial will be held on Tuesday next at Sookunpob, commencing at 4 p.m., when the following teams will be on view:

Probables (Reds)—Lieut. Otway; Lieut. Lomax, Lieut. Skipworth, L/Cpl. Waite and Gunnr. Richards; Lieut. Douglas and L/Sgt. Lang; Pte. Berry, Lieut. Hewitt and L/Bdr. Evans; 2/Lt. Pinkerton and Gunnr. Whitehead; Capt. Duke, Lieut. Ridsdale and 2/Lt. Cuthbertson.

Possibles (Stripes)—Gunnr. Easterbrook; Lt. Belton, L/Cpl. Boe, Lt. Hook and L/Cpl. Smith; L/Cpl. Picton and Pte. Grace, L/Cpl. Boustead, L/Cpl. Sutherland and Pte. Hurlock; Gunnr. McDermott and Gnr. Cook; L/Cpl. Foley, Gnr. Clark and Sgt. Burrell.

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U.S. NAVY MATCH

On Wednesday U.S.S. Tulsa beat U.S.S. Mindanao in a friendly indoor-bowls match by 313 points.

Following are the scores:

U.S.S. TULSA
F. Spenko 163 214 148 135 182=842
W. Michals 133 125 142 161 156=717
"Pete" Peterson 167 131 140 121 144=703
E. J. Moore 140 123 124 161 142=690

U.S.S. MINDANAO
J. J. Sheehan 143 147 143 151 117=701
J. C. Thomas 137 147 129 125 136=674
R. E. Skiver 103 107 116 140 184=650
S. Goulden 121 118 134 157 95=622

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Pte. Grace of Royal Scots and Sapper Goodman of Royal Engineers officiated efficiently as umpires.

DEFENCE ACT IN S.W. AFRICA

Capetown, To-day.

The application of the Defence Act to South-West Africa and Walvis Bay is announced.

The step is considered necessary because South Africa intends to improve its defences not only in the Union but also in mandated territory.

The emergency regulations under the Defence Act are to apply to South-West Africa.

No naturalised South Africans under the Act of 1928, and no child, of such person is considered a citizen until he applies for service with the defence forces and takes the oath of allegiance. — Reuter.

FRENCH SEIZURES

Paris, To-day.

It was announced officially last night that the French Navy has seized a total of 150,000 tons of goods destined for Germany since the war began.

Among the total were 40,000 tons of foodstuffs and 30,000 tons of liquid fuels.

Large consignments of minerals indispensable to war manufactures were also seized. — Reuter.

ALLIES SATISFIED

London, To-day.

The B.B.C. correspondent with the R.A.F. in France tells of the capture intact of a German Messerschmidt fighter.

The plane has been thoroughly inspected and flown by Allied experts, who stated it is much inferior to the corresponding British and French type. — Reuter.

One case of cholera, three of typhoid (all in Kowloon) twelve of dysentery and 34 of tuberculosis were reported to the Medical Department yesterday.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

TRAGEDY
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BY VINCENT TOWNE

During the turmoil following the assassination of President Lincoln vast rewards offered by the authorities resulted in accusations against many innocent persons.

Into the maelstrom of that bloody period was drawn a woman whose name has since been entered by many upon the nation's blacklist of fiends and by many others upon its honour roll of martyrs. To which category did she belong.

This famous woman, Mary E. Surratt, had before the war been left a widow with a comfortable home in Washington, also a large plantation, with many slaves, at Upper Marlborough, Md. During the war Union troops camping upon her plantation left it a barren waste, and her many slaves escaped to the North. As a result, Mrs. Surratt had to move into her Washington house and support herself by taking boarders, one of whom was a young War Department clerk, named Weichman.

The widow Surratt's pretty daughter received the attention of John Wilkes Booth. Her elder son, John, who had been a Confederate blockade runner, was also a friend of the brilliant actor.

Just before Lincoln's assassination Mrs. Surratt was greatly troubled about money matters, to arrange which she made an appointment to meet a man at Upper Marlborough Court-house on the morning of Good Friday, during the evening of which day the President was shot. She sent Weichman to borrow Booth's horse and the actor, after explaining that he had just sold his team, gave the clerk \$10 with which to hire one for Mrs. Surratt.

As Weichman was about to drive the widow from her house Booth appeared with a bundle, which he asked her to deliver to a tavern-keeper at Surrattsville, Md., through which she intended to pass. Stopping in front of the tavern, Mrs. Surratt called the keeper and without alighting handed him the bundle, which proved to contain pistols and a field glass.

After returning to Washington Mrs. Surratt was arrested in her house, which was put under military guard. She rebuked her servants for weeping, and would have gone to jail like a soldier had not sensational circumstances occurred at the moment. Answering a knock at her door, her guests admitted a desperate-looking individual bearing a pick and shovel, and who, when asked his business, stated that he had been ordered the day before to dig a ditch on the premises. Protesting that she had never seen the man before and had no ditch to dig, Mrs. Surratt exclaimed to her servants:

"How fortunate, girl, that these officers are here. This man might have



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A DESPERATE-LOOKING INDIVIDUAL BEARING A PICK AND SHOVEL

murdered us all!"

The intruder was Lewis Payne, and he had upon his hands the blood of Secretary Seward, whom he had tried to murder that very night.

Such was the Government's case against Mrs. Surratt. With the other conspirators she was subjected to a trial that lasted more than two months.

Although it was held that her house had been a secret rendezvous for the conspirators, no testimony to show that she had known their business there or that she participated in any of their meetings was ever presented. According to Mrs. Surratt's defence, she was an innocent bearer of the package sent by Booth to the Maryland tavern-keeper and she did not know of its contents. Weichman, the Government clerk who gave most of the testimony damaging to her, is alleged to have afterward broken down and confessed that he had sworn against her falsely that he might counteract the suspicious circumstances of his being an inmate of her house. Her counsel endeavoured to put on the witness stand the man claiming to have received this confession, but the military court refused to admit the evidence.

When the famous trial came to a close some of the judges proposed to acquit Mrs. Surratt, but the judge advocate suggested that she be adjudged guilty with a recommendation of mercy to President Andrew Johnson.

The recommendation for mercy was signed by a majority of the tribunal, but after the verdict President Johnson shut himself up in the White House and refused to see Mrs. Surratt's counsel. On bended knee her weeping daughter begged the judge advocate

to intercede and that officer vainly tried to move the President. In the dead of the night the condemned woman's attorney aroused a Federal judge, who granted a writ of habeas corpus for Mrs. Surratt, but the President, exercising his extreme authority, suspended the writ.

On the morning set for the execution the provost marshal sent to the President a statement that Payne had made a confession entirely clearing Mrs. Surratt. To this statement that officer added:

"I believe that Payne has told the truth in this matter."

Still the President was unyielding and, with the three other condemned conspirators, the Maryland widow, so weak and prostrate from disease that she had to be half carried by two

2 A.M.
ARRESTS IN
SAICHOWAN

AT 2 A.M. TO-DAY A POLICE LAUNCH, WITH A PARTY OF CONSTABLES UNDER DETECTIVE-SERGEANT C. POPE, STEAMED OUT OF HARBOUR TO A POINT OFF SAI CHO WAN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND AFTER LANDING THE POLICE ARRESTED FIVE CHINESE.

The men were taken into custody in connection with the discovery of a partly decomposed body at the rear of Sai Cho Village, following the report of a Chinese woman that her son had been beaten to death by the villagers.

It is alleged that the young man, Wu Po, 24, was one of three men who attempted to steal chickens from the villagers' farmhouses on September 28.

soldiers, was sent to the scaffold. When ordered to ascend that grim structure she asked the attending priest:

"Can I not tell these people before I die that I am innocent of the crime for which I have been condemned to death?"

"No, my child," answered the priest. "The world and all that is in it have receded forever. It would do no good and it might disturb the serenity of your last moments."

President Johnson averred upon his honour that he never saw the military commission's recommendation of mercy made in Mrs. Surratt's behalf until two years after her execution, when, sending for the papers in the cases, he found it among them in a detached form.

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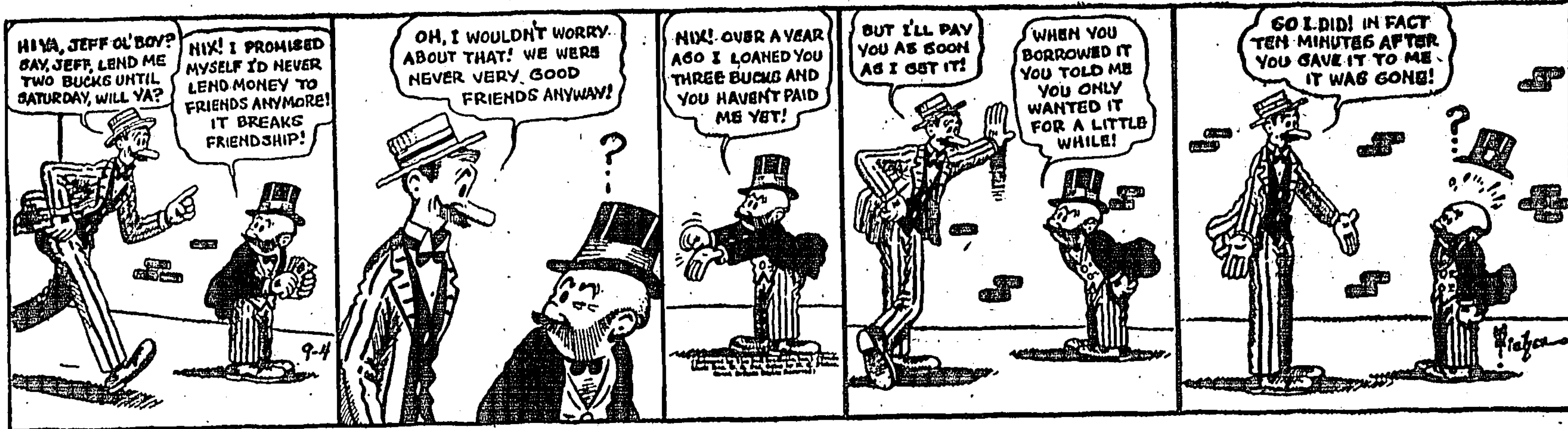
This man of 31 was prematurely aged by kidney trouble, when he should have been enjoying the best years of his life. Here he tells how Kruschen gave him back his health, after months of pain:

"I was in hospital for ten weeks, owing to kidney trouble. When I was discharged I felt like an old man, although I am only 31. If I stooped to do anything it was agony to straighten up again. Several people advised me to try Kruschen Salts. I tried them and found they gave me relief from pain and I felt better in every way. I cycle 28 miles a day to and from work, and shall keep up the daily dose of Kruschen because I can now do the journey to and from work and a night's work, and not feel any the worse for it."—S.V.C.

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Peter Gracey's Sixth Talk On Great Composers

To-day's Wireless

Children's Hour and B.B.C. Sketch

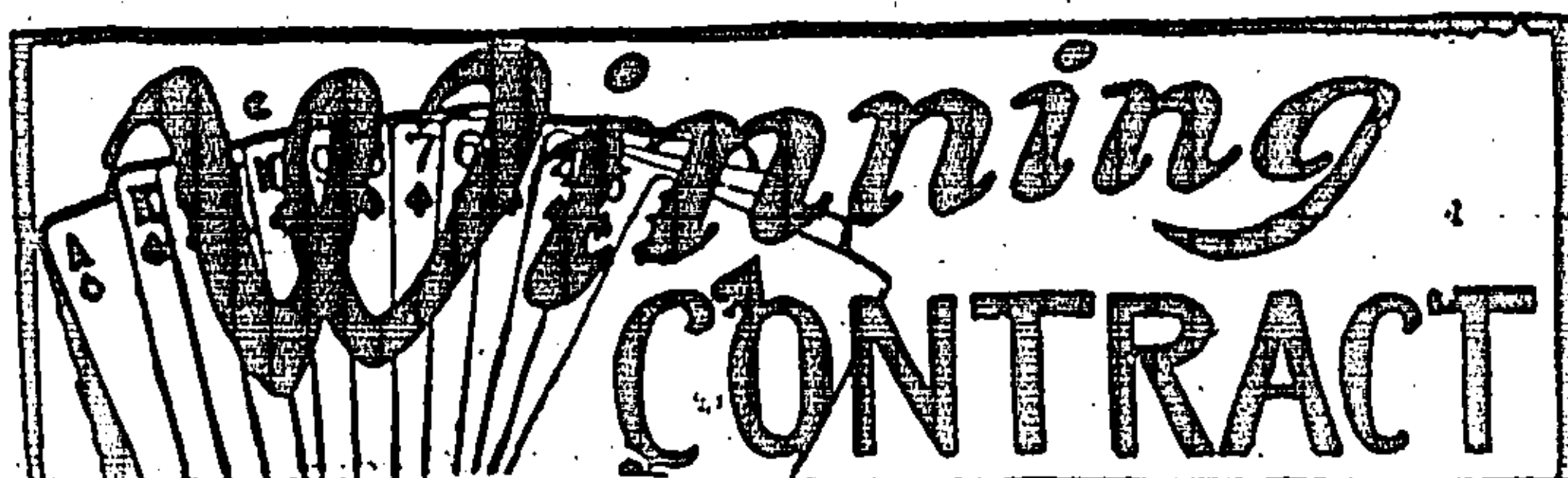
4.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay—Supplementary News.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Maritana—Vocal Gems. Sung by Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble & Chorus.
7.11 p.m.—The Tattoo—Aldershot—1938... Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands.
7.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Old Contemptibles"—Part 2. The record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November, 1914.

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. 9.52 megacycles)

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Schubert—Ballet Music from "Rosamunde"... Berlin State Opera Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Short Biographical Studies of Great Composers by Peter Gracey—No. 6—Schubert.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "English Ideals in Education", by Gerald A. Goodban M.A.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—Fifteen Minute Sketch. "Poor Polly".
9.45 p.m.—Eric Coates—"The Three Men Suite".
1. The Man from the Country.
2. The Man about Town.
3. The Man from the Sea... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Composer.

9.59 p.m.—Songs by Hubert Elodell (Tenor).
10.00 p.m.—Len Fillis & His Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Body & Soul; A Little Love, a Little Kiss... Quartette of the Hot Club of France.
Tangos—Du Schwarzer Zigeuner; Veni Pebeta... Dajos Bela & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Was it Rain? On a Little Dream Ranch... Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Intermezzo—Who Cares?; Waltz—Little Annie... Jungherr's Accordion Melodians.
Fox-Trots—Across the Great Divide; My Heart's in Old Kilmarnock... Maurice Winnick & His Orch.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



(By The Four Aces)

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POOR DEFENCE

Freak two-suit hands abounded in the recently completed Masters' Pair Championship at Asbury Park, N. J. Here is one in which many players who sat in the South position wound up in doubled contracts of five and six. By exercising proper restraint Merwin Maler, playing with Howard Schenken, obtained the contract for four spades doubled and obtained a top score with a little help on the part of West.

West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
Mr. Schenken
♠ 8 7
♥ K 10 9 8 6 5 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ 3
Mr. Maler
♠ Q 9 8
♥ A Q 4
♦ A 9 8 7
♣ 5 3
♠ K 5
♥ J 7 3
♦ K 6 4
♣ Q 9 8 7 3
♠ A J 10 6 4 3
♥ —
♦ 8
♣ A K J 10 5 4

The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ 1♥ 2♦ 2♠
8♦ Pass Pass 4♠
Pass 4♥ Pass 4♠
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Ace of diamonds and, at a loss what to play next, continued the suit. Mr. Maler trumped the second diamond, played the Ace of clubs, then a small club. West trumped in with nine of spades, then desperately tried to cash his Ace of hearts. Mr. Maler again trumped, then led a third club. This time West trumped with the spade Queen and now, much too late, led a trump. After capturing

East's King of spades, Mr. Maler trumped a club in dummy and won the balance of the tricks, holding his losses to two spade tricks and a diamond.

If West had had the courage to lead a trump away from his Queen after the first trick, the contract would have been defeated.

Yesterday, with both sides vulnerable, you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ 8 6
♥ 9 7 3
♦ A 4
♣ J 10 8 7 5 3

The bidding:

Jacoby Burnstone You Schenken
1♠ 1♥ 2♦ 2♠
3NT 8♦ (?) 3♦

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three notrump. The fact that your partner can bid two notrump in the face of diamond bid by both opponents and with your holding the Ace of that suit, indicates that he has a very good hand. Hence, it is probable your six clubs will all be tricks at notrump and you should have a good play for game in that denomination.

Score 100% for three notrump, 60% for pass, 20% for four clubs (you have no singleton and it is very doubtful that you can make five clubs,) 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 220

You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ K Q x x
♥ A x x
♦ Q x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

Schenken Maler You Burnstone
1♥ 1♠ (?) 1♠

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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ARMY HOCKEY

FORTRESS, R.E. DEFEAT WEAK RAJPUT TEAM

A fast game of Hockey was witnessed on Tuesday at Soorkunpoo when the Fortress R. Engineers defeated the Rajputanas by 5 goals to one, in a friendly encounter. The Rajputanas, however, were unable to field a full side owing to half their normal 1st XI being absent on duty.

They were very unfortunate in that after only two minutes' play their right back had to retire after receiving a nasty cut over the eye from a hard drive from Gilda Ram.

Singleton at left wing opened the scoring for the Sappers after 8 minutes play from a hard centre from Fishlock which crossed over the circle to the five yard line where it was gathered by the winger who completed the move with a hard, well-placed drive which gave Mala Ram no chance.

The second Engineer goal was scored by Denyer who snapped up a quick opportunity after a short period of mixed play outside the Rajputanas circle.

SHAW IMPRESSES

The Rajputanas then settled down to some good defensive play. The hard hitting of Gilda Ram, their left back, was a feature of the game, while Lt. Naiza, at centre half, succeeded in starting off some very nice movements for his forwards, which worried the Sappers' defence considerably. Shaw's anticipation and excellent stick work, how-

ever completely frustrated the Rajputanas forwards.

The third of the Sappers' goals was scored 10 minutes after half time, from a long forward pass by Shaw which struck the goal post, Mala Ram entirely misjudging it, hoping it would result in a 25 yard bully, but Elsley who followed up very closely was able to net.

The fourth goal was also accounted for by Elsley off a pass from Singleton, who had taken the ball up from the half way line.

At the bully-off the ball came back to Shaw, who, after drawing the defence to the right of the field, put a quick pass out to Singleton, who took it almost up to the corner flag before centring, which enabled Homburg, the inside left, to find the net for the last time for the Sappers.

The Rajputana's goal came five minutes before full time from a free hit which went to their outside left who brought it up to the edge of the circle finally beating Heath with a well placed shot in the corner of the net.

KOWLOON GOLF MATCH

The following is the draw for the President versus Captain match to be played at Kowloon Golf Club on Sunday:

	PRESIDENT	CAPTAIN
9.00 a.m.	A. T. Dennis	R. K. Collings
9.05 ..	F. C. Barry	W. Ahern
9.10 ..	W. C. Simpson	W. S. Hillier
9.15 ..	A. E. Davies	A. A. Lopes
9.20 ..	G. P. Murphy	T. H. Lamb
9.25 ..	S. Jex	W. Bastin
9.30 ..	J. S. Webster	J. Paterson
9.35 ..	E. C. Fincher	H. J. Grose
9.40 ..	W. Kershaw	E. O. Murphy
9.45 ..	C. G. Anderson	T. Henderson
9.50 ..	J. Coles	F. Sale
9.55 ..	R. Wallace	J. M. Boyd
10.00 ..	A. L. Eastman	L. Jack

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UPSETS FEATURE DOUBLE TENTH RACE MEETING

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DEVONIAN AGAIN WINS FOR LADY NORTHCOTE: BLACK HEADS JOCKEYS' LIST

(By "RAPIER")

In anticipation of enjoying some keen and exciting racing, spectators turned up in satisfactory numbers on both days of the Eighth Extra Race Meeting—otherwise known as the "Double Tenth" Meeting—and they were certainly far from being disappointed. Cash Sweeps were well supported on both days, and racing of a fairly high standard was served up, materially assisted by the fine state of the track. Racing generally was fast and keenly contested, with the inevitable number of upsets.

Mr. Donald Black headed the list of most successful jockeys, with four wins to his credit, followed by Mr. S. W. Pan, Mr. V. V. Needa and Mr. S. L. Sung, with two each. Messrs. H. J. A. Hearne and C. Encarnacao accounted for one win each, with two seconds and one third.

Honours among the Owners were fairly evenly divided. Lady Northcote had the satisfaction of leading in her Australian pony Devonian for the second time since the resumption of racing after the Summer interval.

Last Saturday's racing was featured by the most disappointing failure of Courting Eve in the Canberra Handicap over one mile. It finished last, and Lucky Lad also put up a very poor performance. The best race of the day was seen in the Austin Handicap, which resulted in two dead-heats. This race featured Mr. Black in one of the most spectacular fighting finishes seen on the track for a long time. Trailing behind for several lengths on Taxing Master, his determined riding was rewarded with a dead-heat against Blue Diamond.

On Tuesday, spectators were given a rude shock due to the unexpected failure of Rose Elect, which ran unplaced in the Double Tenth Plate. Carrying 168 lbs. Rose Elect had a belated start, and it finished up lame.

CONFUSION BAY WINS

The meeting opened last Saturday with a win for Confusion Bay, the Dunbar crack, in the October Handicap, the principal event of the day, over the Champions course. Ridden by Mr. Black, Confusion Bay remained within striking distance all the way round until reaching the straight, when it began to overhaul Eve of Harvest, which was leading the field just before rounding the bend. The race down the home stretch resolved into a tussle between these two ponies with Confusion Bay having the better of the argument by a short head at the finish, with Moonlight View four lengths behind for third position.

The second race, first section of the Jordan Handicap, over the mile for "D" Class

ponies, was very keenly contested and the finish was exciting. Sunlight View (Mr. Ph), carrying 168 lbs., was made a hot favourite, which was probably due to its win at the previous Meeting. Strathbannock also carried a good deal of money, and its win was due to the fine handling of the pony on the part of Mr. Black.

Double Chance (Mr. Botelho) started off with a fast run, followed by Zero and Clowner. When nearing the last quarter Mr. Yuen took this Time out in front with Clowner and Sunlight View following until the two mile post was reached. It was from this stage that Strathbannock came into the picture when it began to creep up on the leaders, and a great struggle ensued, with Gold Coin also snatching a win. The finish was most exciting, with Strathbannock securing the verdict by a short head from Clowner with Gold Coin third, the same margin behind.

After the race a protest was lodged against Strathbannock by the Owner of Sunlight View for interference in the straight, but it was not sustained.

COURTING EVE FAILS

The third race, Canberra Handicap, for Australian ponies of any season over a mile, saw Courting Eve (Mr. Ph) let its backers down badly by failing to secure a place. The reason that can be advanced for its failure is that it was heavily handicapped.

Double Finesse (Mr. S. L. Yuen) took up the running from the start, followed by Courting Eve, Cocklerol, Lancashire Chips and Tornado Star, with Lucky Lad last. On passing the Rock, Double Finesse faded out of the picture with Courting Eve taking the lead until the mile post, when it began to drop back, and when Lancashire Chips and Cocklerol passed it the pony gave up. While these two ponies were fighting it out, Mr. Pan on Tornado Star came along on the outside with a fine burst of speed to overhaul them 10 yards from the winning post to win by half a length with Cocklerol third, two lengths behind. This was the first upset, and those who backed Tornado Star were handsomely rewarded.

GALVESTON BAY UNPLACED

In the Austin Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class China ponies over six furlongs, Galveston Bay (Mr. Black), which was made strong favourite, failed dismally. The race started with Musketeer (Mr. Liang) shooting out on the rise of the barrier with Galveston Bay following many lengths behind until the mile post was reached, when Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) overtook Galveston Bay and then tried to catch Musketeer, but without avail, as Musketeer had still something in reserve to reach the winning post ahead. Meanwhile Pinfarthings (Mr. Churchill) came up strongly to displace Galveston Bay for third position.

In the first leg of the "Daily Double", Jordan Handicap (Second Section) for "C" Class China ponies, over a mile, Some Hope was made firm favourite on account of its third placing behind King Kong at the previous Meeting and because the champion jockey was on top, and it certainly let its supporters down very badly when it ran unplaced.

The race started with Bressay (Mr. Hearne) endeavouring to run off into a big lead with Wilber (Mr. Boddy) following closely on its heels. Bressay led all the

way, but in the final run down the straight it was easily overhauled by Kut Cheung (Mr. Chao). Kut Cheung's win returned its backers with quite a handsome dividend and Guinness Time (Mr. Pan), which was more or less neglected in the betting, paid \$33.60 for coming in second.

MR. IP GRADUATES

The sixth race of the day, Carnarvon Handicap, was fairly interesting, and as a result of winning this event on West Lake, Mr. K. I. Ip graduated from the Novice Class, a distinction well merited. National Liberty (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwal), went into the lead from the start, but was unable to last, being beaten before rounding the bend. Mr. Ip sent West Lake forward at this juncture and won quite easily, with Ascot Vald (Mr. Payne) making a good effort to catch up. On being led in Mr. Ip was given a warm reception.

The best finish of the day was witnessed in the next race, Austin Handicap (Second Section) for "C" Class China ponies over six furlongs, which was also the second leg of the "Daily Double".

This race was in the nature of a return bout between Blue Diamond and Taxing Master. The former had the better of the latter at the last Meeting by a short head when they were handled by Messrs. Raymond and Tao respectively.

Blue Diamond (Mr. Botelho) claimed 5 lbs. allowance and taking advantage of the lighter weight it took the lead with Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang) and Taxing Master (Mr. Black) following several lengths behind, and on passing the Rock he tried to steal the race by forging Blue Diamond further ahead into a bigger lead, but, undaunted, Mr. Black kept at it after passing Laughing Girl on rounding the bend. On coming into the straight Blue Diamond was still well in the lead. Taxing Master fought back gamely, however, and step by step it came nearer, and with great determination it caught Blue Diamond a yard from the post to secure a dead-heat decision. For his fine riding and determination Mr. Black received unstinted applause when the pony was led in. In the meantime Laughing Girl was caught napping by Scenic View, which came up well over the last furlong to dead-heat with Laughing Girl for third place.

ROOFLY SURPRISES

The last race of the day, the Katoomba Handicap for Australian ponies, "C" Class (Six furlongs) resulted in the best win dividend of the day. Annabella, the winner, was in great form, but evidently the majority of backers did not have sufficient confidence in Mr. Sung in his first outing on an Australian pony to place their money on this combination.

The race started with Pumpnickel (Mr. Proulx) taking the lead and maintaining it for most of the way. It was running so strongly that I really thought it would win, but it had no finish. Coming into the straight several ponies bunched together and Annabella was the first to emerge from the bunch on the rails, with Baffin Bay about a length on the outside following, and these two ponies fought out the rest of the distance with Annabella just winning by a neck with Roofly (Mr. Poy) third, another neck behind. Roofly paid its backers \$158.80 for third place, the highest dividend of the day.

TUESDAY'S RACING

Seven ponies faced the starter in the first race of the day, the Double Tenth Plate, which was regarded as the most important event of the Meeting. Those who backed Rose Elect, which was considered a certainty, had the mortification of not only losing their money, but seeing it running unplaced. Carrying 168 lbs. Rose Elect was still the dominant pony, but it was, nevertheless, only a shadow of its old self. After a false start, the ponies were sent off, with Rose Elect in the rear, and it was seen that Eve of Harvest (Mr. Hearne) and Hectic View (Mr. Ph) were putting up a good struggle. Despite its bad start, Rose Elect was expected to make a fight of the race towards the finish, but it appeared as if the pony lost heart and could not make any headway. In the meantime, Eve of Harvest and Hectic View plodded along together, and within 100 yards from the post the former shot forward and won the race in most convincing manner. Hectic View was second, and King's Warden, after a last-minute effort, managed to snatch the third position.

The second race, Yunnan Handicap over six furlongs, saw only two ponies in the limelight. It was a race for novice riders, with Mr. Trevorton on Lovely Star and Mr. C. F. Chiu on Rose Emily. Right from the start Lovely Star forged ahead, and so well was it running that Rose Emily had a rough time in trying to keep up the fast pace. However, Rose Emily provided the stronger finish, and its win was well deserved.

MR. NEEDA'S FINE RIDING

Really clever horsemanship marked the running of the third race, Kwangsi Handicap for "B" Class China ponies over the two mile post distance. Moonlight View (Mr. Ph); Red Feather (Mr. Needa) and Lilliber (Mr. Sung) shared the honours in the betting, with the first-named just ahead. Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacao) took the lead, but it could not finish, and towards the end the race centred round Red Feather and Avon (Mr. Black). These two fought out the last hundred yards, and it was undoubtedly due to grand riding on the part of Mr. Needa that Red Feather virtually snatched a win, Avon had to be satisfied with second place, with New Star taking the other position.

Following his success, Mr. Needa again came into the picture in the Hunan Handicap, and that such a grand jockey should pay a dividend of \$41.50 for his win on Royal Highness was indeed a surprise. The race itself was quite interesting, with several ponies bunched together until coming into the straight. Just when it seemed as if the finish was going to be fought out between Sylvandale (Mr. Hearne) and Clowner (Mr. Encarnacao), Royal Highness shot forward with lightning speed.

Seventeen ponies turned out for the Fokien Plate, which was a sprint affair; it was also the first leg of the "Daily Double." Mr. Potts experienced some difficulty in getting the ponies away, and after at least three attempts the barrier shot up to see about six ponies fighting for the lead. National Liberty (Mr. Chamon) was running strongly, but Talkative (Mr. Encarnacao) asserted itself before coming near the mile post. It went on to win by two lengths, but a fine battle ensued for second place between National Liberty and Palmer (Mr. Needa), with the former getting the verdict by a short head.

JOBER WINS

In the sixth race, Kwangsi Handicap over the two mile post distance, it was indeed surprising to see Jobber (Mr. Sung) carrying the burden of the betting. This pony has not done anything of note at recent Meetings, and yet it was made favourite. Jumping in front all the way round, and try as he did on Potentate, Mr. Encarnacao could not secure a win. Potentate was carrying 165 lbs. and it certainly ran very well to take second position, with Gladiator third. Quite the most thrilling finish of the day was witnessed in the Cantala Handicap, over six furlongs, which was contested by "B" Class Australian ponies. It resulted in a brilliant victory for Devonian, Lady Northcote's nomination. Derby Day (Mr.

Owing to pressure on space
Bowling Alley Jottings will appear to-morrow.

Liang) and Happy Landings (Mr. Davis) set the pace at the outset, followed by Devonian (Mr. Black), with Criffel (Mr. Needa) never in the picture. Coming into the straight it became apparent that the finish was going to be fought out between Happy Landings and Devonian, and within a 100 yards of the post the former was slightly in the lead. Realising the imminent danger of defeat, Mr. Black applied the whip, and this had the desired effect. With a last supreme effort, Devonian jumped forward over the last length and snatched a grand victory for its popular owner. On the pony being led in by Lady Northcote, both owner and jockey received a very warm reception.

The last race of the day was certainly the most disastrous for punters. Once again, Some Hope (Mr. Encarnacao) disappointed, but bear this pony in mind for a later meeting—it will win a race before long. With so many ponies in the field, it was certainly a difficult task to spot the winner. Carrying 168 lbs., Guinness Time (Mr. Pan) was not given much of a chance in winning according to the betting, and yet it confounded the critics. Jumping out into the lead, this pony kept in front right up to the end, and its win was instrumental in paying out \$151.00 for a \$5.00 ticket! To secure second position Mr. Churchill did extremely well on Emergency Call, and the 29 backers had the satisfaction of collecting \$105.60 each. Wilber was third.

BUTCHER BACK IN HARNESS

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

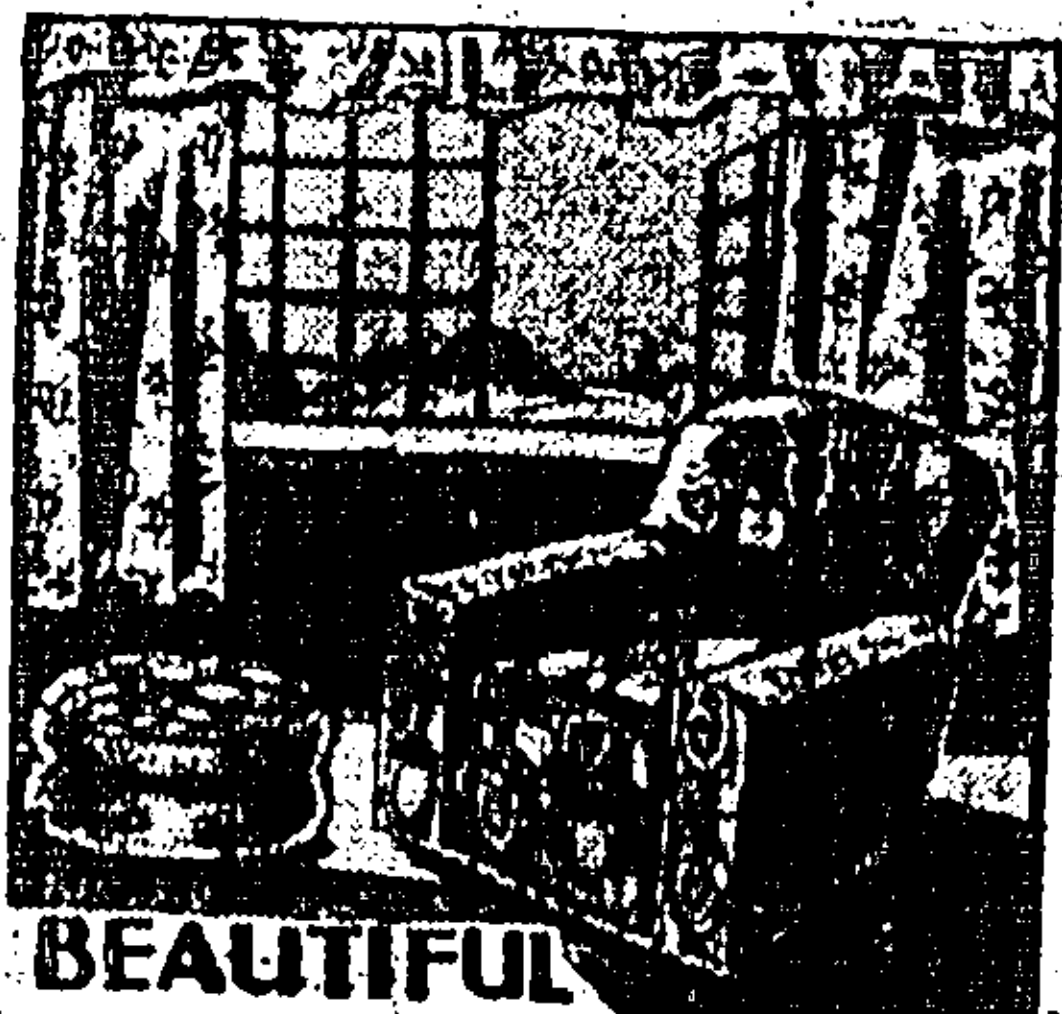
A. H. R. Butcher, ex-Colony stand-off half, turned out in yesterday's Club Rugby Trial and gave a sound all-round display, his kicking being his main asset. It is understood, however, that he will be available for only Wednesday games.

Bidwell and Day were absentees from the three-quarter line, their places being filled by Butcher and Lammert, who showed speed when in possession. Wilson, a convert from the Association game, gave a promising display, being fast and running with determination. With coaching, he should come on rapidly.

Bursey again showed he is going to be a valuable understudy to Cessford, who has found his best form early in the season, while Rutherford gave Henderson little scope at the base of the scrum. Henderson's service to Cessford was excellent and he dropped a very fine line goal from almost on the touch line.

Of the forwards, Godfrey, Taylor, Bompas and Walkden were the most prominent.

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ALTHOUGH the match was enjoyable enough despite the intense heat and the badly-overwatered wicket, Tuesday's cricket at Hong Kong Cricket revealed little new talent although Bosanquet and Haymes shaped well enough with the bat and an individual shown in the score-book as S. O. Else hit harder than anyone I have seen in Hong Kong since R. D. Gillespie.

It was a great pity about the wicket. At this stage of the season it is difficult enough to play spin bowling on a plumb wicket but on a sticky one it was much too hard for any but the favoured few who had managed a fair amount of practice.

Alec Pearce's knock was a glorious one and completely overshadowed any other batting in the match. Richardson could not get his square-cut into operation, possibly because the ball was hanging such a lot, but he hit hard

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in front of the wicket and pulled to the short boundary anything a shade short of a length.

Bosanquet is not a stylish bat, indeed many of his forward shots are jerky and made mostly with the forearms but he has evidently played a great deal and manages to get a lot of power into his scoring shots.

LOYD'S bowling and batting augured well for K.C.C. and his form, together with some promise from Rapley were the bright spots in the day's cricket from the Mainlanders' point of view.

I am willing to wager that it is a

long time since Teddy Fincher made a "duck" and even longer since he was out first ball—and it was a pathetic stroke!

Anderson, in the second innings, batted brilliantly and scored a very hard-hit 50 in about 20 minutes but by this time H.K.C.C. were down to their second line of attack.

It was during this period that John Pearce had a turn with the ball. He is evidently sadly in need of nets! I shudder to think how many of his deliveries bounced twice before reaching the batsman.

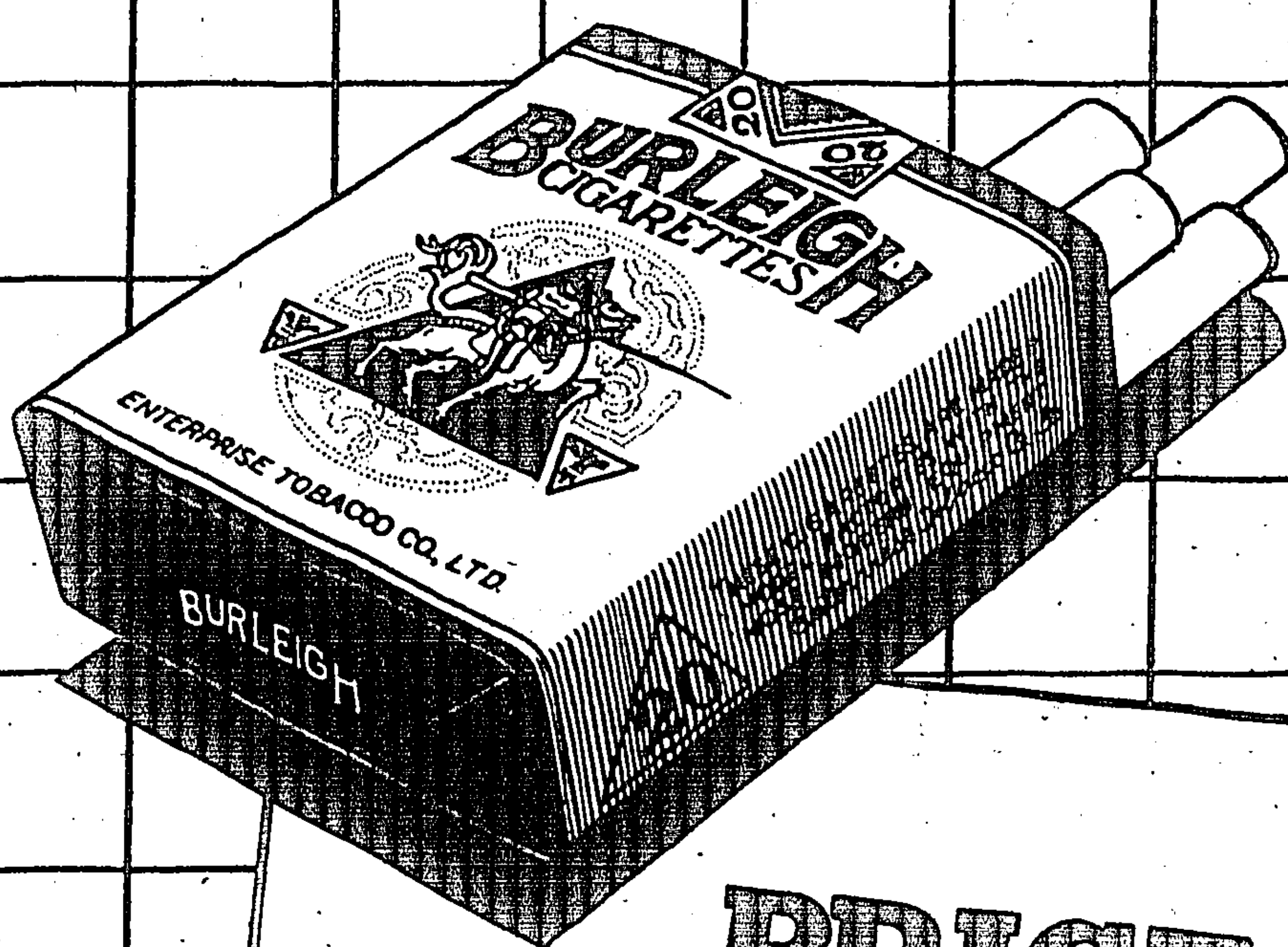
Haymes as a bowler has a deceptive flight and turns the ball a lot, while

McLellan, although he made one of his fairly regular ducks, kept a steady length whilst bowling and later, was managing to get the ball to do things.

THE eight-ball over gave most fielders a strange feeling. From force of habit many of them automatically started to change over after six balls had been bowled and the extra two balls appeared to make a great difference in the time to be waited before changing over.

Strangely enough, enquiries revealed that the people least affected were the bowlers. None of them appeared to notice any extra strain and most of them expressed satisfaction with the new rule.

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I hope and believe that there will be universal acceptance here of the fundamental principle that our responsibilities in Hong Kong towards Great Britain are in no way less than those of British subjects resident in the United Kingdom and that just as they are prepared to bear whatever burden the successful conduct of the war may impose upon them, so we also must leave nothing undone that we can do towards that end. In other words, this is every whit as much our war as it is Britain's.

It is in accordance with that principle that the financial proposals that will be placed before you at this session have been framed and I take this early opportunity of saying that they are not to be looked upon as the maximum demand that may be made on the local taxpayer before victory crowns our arms: They are, however, all that we can wisely do at the moment.

With this object in view it is Government's intention to replace the budget which is formally before you to-day by two separate budgets: the former will provide for the normal expenditure of Government departments, the latter is designed to fulfil our obligations as a member of the British Empire while engaged in a major war.

It may surprise you that what I will describe as the ordinary budget does not shew greater reductions in expenditure. The estimates, of course, were fairly well advanced when war broke out and early in September we were in the act of considering the extent to which they should be cut down when I received from the Secretary of State some very valuable guidance. In effect Mr. MacDonald's counsel was that, subject to two provisos of which I will make mention later, there should be as little disturbance as possible with the Colony's current activities and developmental schemes, so long as revenue to finance

them would be forthcoming. In particular the desire was expressed that existing social services and approved plans for their extension should continue as far as was possible; furthermore any marked retrenchment in the Civil Service was deprecated unless and until we were advised by him to act.

It will be agreed, I think, that this confident policy, which unquestionably reflects that of His Majesty's Government, is very heartening at such a time as the present.

The Secretary of State's two provisos, which I mentioned just now as being conditions to be observed in framing the estimates, dealt with the following points. Firstly, the great importance of conserving the exchange resources of Great Britain through control over the purchase and export of foreign currencies and of those British currencies which are not on a sterling footing. Hong Kong's procedure in this respect, it was found, could not be quite "on all fours" with that of other British Colonies because of the predominating importance of our entrepot trade, and special treatment of the problem was therefore permitted to us. I have asked the Honourable the Financial Secretary to give the Council a connected account of the measures taken by Government with this end in view, and I myself shall have a further word to say on this subject when speaking of the revenue estimates. The second point on which the Secretary of State expressed a proviso was the avoidance of expenditure which, by creating a demand for unessential goods would deflect men, materials and shipping from war purposes. In this connexion I may say that I had already given orders that work on my successor's new house should be stopped before this wise advice was received!

So much for the expenditure estimates in the ordinary budget, which will be more fully explained by the Honourable the Financial Secretary in his speech this afternoon and in the memorandum prepared by him. On the Revenue side there are considerable alterations to be made, but these do not appear in the printed volume. The most important of them are the

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The estimated financial outcome of what I have called the ordinary budget is a small surplus. That expectation is due partly to the additional revenue from the sources just mentioned and partly to the transfer of certain appropriate expenses to the defence budget. If, however, during the fifteen month period which the estimates cover it appears that a deficit is probable it should not be difficult to curtail expenditure, and especially capital expenditure, sufficiently to avoid that result.

I come now to the defence budget, by means of which Hong Kong will make its contribution towards the prosecution of the war against Germany.

That contribution may take one of two forms, the first being the meeting from our own pockets of such additional local expenditure as the situation may demand for volunteer naval, military and air defences and other war services; the other, free gifts in cash or in kind to His Majesty's Government towards its aim viz. the defeat of the enemy. The former of these has its natural limitations and not wide ones at that: but I trust that not only every member of this House but also every citizen of this Colony will agree that there should be no limit upon the aid that we should give to His Majesty's Government other than our ultimate ability to pay.

Quite obviously in this lightly taxed community that limit lies at a great distance and could not be reached through existing revenue channels. It is therefore necessary to create new means and Government has decided that an Income Tax is by far the most suitable. Steps will therefore be taken at once to draft the necessary legislation and to bring into being the necessary machinery.

My hope is that within six months that machinery will be at work. Plans are not far enough advanced as yet for any detailed description, but in order to prevent unnecessary alarm I will say that it is not intended at the initial stage to prescribe very high rates of tax.

Attention has also been given to the question of taxing Excess Profits. There may plainly be justification for such a measure in due course, but I feel—and I know that my Honourable friend agrees with me—that we had better tackle the Income Tax problem first and, when that has been done, take up again the matter of Excess Profits Duty.

This address is, of course, intended to do no more than outline the principles in accordance with which this Colony's financial policy for the near future is being framed and the Honourable the Financial Secretary will, this afternoon, explain the Government's proposals in ampler measure. I have tried to put before you the

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On the one hand we are responsible for the proper care, a phrase which includes improvement, of this small but important part of His Majesty's Empire and it is especially incumbent upon us to maintain and, as far as we can extend, the Colony's social services; particularly public health and education: you will find increased provision in the ordinary budget under both those heads.

On the other hand it is our duty as well as in our interest to give all that we can to help His Majesty's Government in the great struggle in which the Empire is engaged. The task of this Government is to find the right balance between these two duties and I confidently hope that you will find yourselves able to endorse the proposals that are now about to come before you.

I do not wish to be thought to make light of the burden which they will lay upon the shoulders of the taxpayers of Hong Kong. The Income Tax, even at the relatively low basic rate of two shillings in the pound, must inevitably give a shock to the social and commercial structures of the Colony, and considerable adjustment will be necessary in order to absorb that shock.

Nevertheless I am fully confident that they will no more shrink their duty where their money is concerned than they have in offering their services, and if necessary their lives, in Britain's cause.

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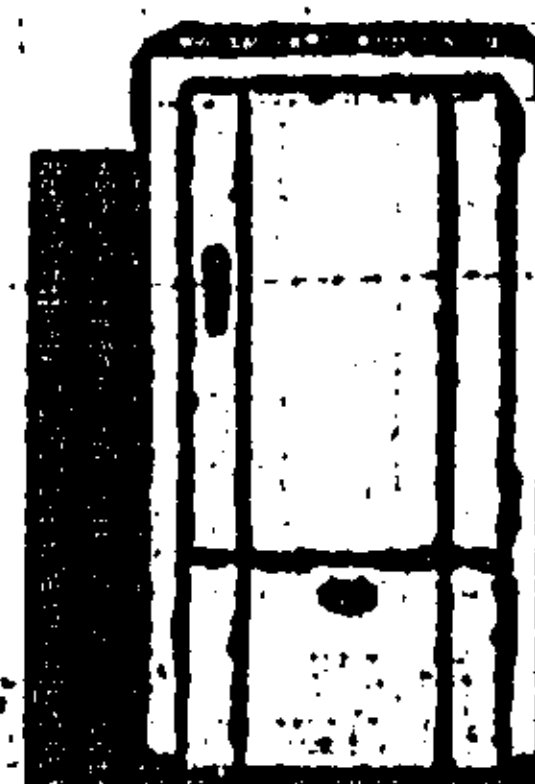
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